

# Prince Albert Friend

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## WE ARE THE BEST VOTERS IN THE COUNTRY!



The Karoo Gemeenskap Party won overwhelmingly in the municipal elections (Photo: L Jaquet)

- Linda Jaquet -

In the recent local government elections Prince Albert had the highest voter turnout in the country and a community-based party that had been in existence for less than six months won overwhelmingly. The Karoo Gemeenskap Party (KGP, also known as the *Aalwyn-tjies*) won three of the four wards in Prince Albert and could play a king-maker role in the Central Karoo District Municipality as well.

On a warm, sunny day more than 80% of all registered voters throughout the municipal district voted compared to 57% in the rest of the country. Many voters waited patiently to vote with loud music, hooting from cars ferrying voters to the various stations and laughing and joking throughout the day. The IEC's Kelly Cloete confirmed that there had been no serious mishaps during the election and that Prince Albert should be proud of the

strong desire to vote.

The KGP won Wards 2, 3 and 4 giving them three seats on the seven-seat Council. Their leader, Goliath Lottering, won 76.58% of the votes cast in Ward 3, where the incumbent DA councillor, Willem Jansen came third. The party went on to win just over 50% of the total votes cast in the entire voting district. The DA won close to 26% and the ANC 24%. Later the results of the proportional representation calculation gave the DA two seats while the ANC gained one in addition to the ward seat it had won in Leeu-Gamka. As a result there is no single party with an outright majority in the Council.

The DA's Annelie Rabie confirmed that her party would not form coalitions, but would be a constructive opposition in Council, voting on an issue-by-issue basis. As we went to press, we learned that the ANC's regional committee had instructed the local ANC representatives to work with

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the KGP in return for the Deputy Mayor's role and for the KGP's support in the Central Karoo District Municipality. The ANC agreed to the KGP filling the Mayor and the Speaker positions and representing the Council on the District Council.

Resident Kristiaan Kroon's comment on polling day, "*Hulle het ons vir jare verneuk; ons gee hierdie ou 'n kans*" was echoed by others queuing to vote. In an interview with the *Friend* Lottering committed his party to clean and transparent government with service delivery a priority.

Lottering dismissed rumours that the KGP had threatened to replace Municipal officials with party members and that he had promised the position of Municipal Manager to Newton Wicomb, who was suspended as Municipal Manager some years ago. He stressed that all vacant posts would be advertised and that the best person for the job would be appointed – "*Dit is nie 'n tjommie-tjommie ding nie.*" He also said that the KGP would make use of local expertise and skills and that it would get to the bottom of alleged financial irregularities and if necessary, prosecute those councillors responsible.

On 2 June the Council meets for the first time. The KGP is represented by Goliath Lottering, its mayoral candidate, Margie Jaftha and Isak Windvogel. The DA councillors are Annelie Rabie and Colin Bower, while the ANC will be represented by Nicolaas Abrahams and Christina Stols.

## Olives and Crosses

Die pas afgelope plaaslike regerings-verkiesing in Prince Albert lui 'n Munisipale Raad met 'n nuwe voorkoms in. Alhoewel geen van die partye in die Raad 'n volstreekte meerderheid kon behaal nie, is die skaakmat posisie wat die Raad die afgelope vyf jaar lamgelê het, iets van die verlede en dit kan net positief wees.

Ons wens vir elke verkose raadslid wysheid, energie, geduld en aanpasbaarheid sowel as deernis en nederigheid vir hulle nuwe taak.

Ons hoop dat al drie partye die gemeenskap se belange voorop sal stel wanneer besluite geneem word en dat politieke

voordeel buite rekening sal bly. Ons ondersteun die gesamentlike doelwitte van deursigtige en sinvolle bestuur en vertrou dat die bes gekwalifiseerde en mees geskikte persoon so spoedig moontlik in die kritiese amp van munisipale bestuurder aangestel sal word.

Ons sien verder uit na die instel van aktiewe wykkomitees waar raadslede kan inskakel en terugvoer kan gee en sodoende 'n sinvolle bydrae kan lewer. Alhoewel ons almal ons eie prioriteite het, sal die hele gemeenskap soveel baat as ons almal saamwerk en sal ons sodoende nog 'n beter dorp hê.

## A Christian Perspective: The Final Harvest

- Vic Tickner -

The first time wheat is mentioned in the Bible is in *Genesis* chapter 30, verse 14 where it says, "Now in the days of wheat harvest Reuben went and found mandrakes in the field and brought them to his mother Leah."

There are some seeds that have a short germination period and if they are planted after that time, they will not grow. However, wheat is different. Archaeologists have found wheat in the tombs of the pharaohs that grew after thousands of years lying dormant. *Revelations* chapter 2, verse 10 says, "Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life." As wheat waits to be planted, so too, those who are doing the will of God to the best of their ability will one day be raised up to spend eternity with God, but until that day they cannot afford to lie dormant.

In days gone by in Prince Albert farmers experimented growing different kinds of fruit trees and vegetables. They had much success in growing wheat.

In the surrounding farms when the last acre had been harvested a cannon would be fired to signify the end of the wheat harvest. That very same cannon can now be seen in the grounds of the NG Kerk. If that cannon could talk, it would have many stories to tell.

But there is one story that is in the Bible that has been preached about many times and is very important to its readers.

*1 Thessalonians*, chapter 4, verse 16, states that the Lord will use a trumpet and not a cannon. "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God and the dead in Christ shall rise first." That phrase "in Christ" is mentioned over 100 times in the New Testament. Every person on earth should ask themselves, "Am I in Christ or outside of Christ?" If you feel that you are on the outside, then you need to study the word and find the answer. If you know that you are in Christ then you should have no worries.

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### Baie Dankie

Ons opregte dank aan familie, vriende en kennisse vir die ondersteuning en bystand met Jozef se skielike heengaan.

Oproepe, besoeke, kaartjies, blomme, verversings by die begrafnis en u gebede – alles word opreg waardeer!

Baie dankie aan die polisie en hospitaal personeel vir u deernis en professionele optrede by die ongelukstoneel.

Ons dank aan ons Hemelse Vader vir Jozef se lewe en dat U hom 'n lyding gespaar het.

*Amelia le Grange, kinders en kleinkinders*

### Thank You

To all who gave their support, encouragement and good wishes so generously when I broke my hip – the visits, flowers, gifts, calls and SMSes in hospital. And then the meals brought, the washing done, the lifts around town, the transport to and fro over the mountain, the grocery shopping, the ATM withdrawals, my car filled and a puncture fixed ... and even a hairdo!

Special thanks to Jill and Wendy for their help on the night of the accident, and to Pete for his prompt response and the care and comfort he gave. Also to Judy and Sue for their committed home-nursing. To Elsofie for going the extra mile on delivery of medication and information needed. And Colin and Clinton for a personal grocery service. Also to Klaas for his faithfulness and sterling support on the home front.

And even though they don't get the *Prince Albert Friend*, to my friends the other side of the mountain, at The Retreat and in Calitzdorp, for all their love and care when I visited them post-op.

I am once again *op die been*, on the go, have got my groove back – plus a whole

new hip that won't crumble on me ... and a mean 'swing' on those crutches.

Thanks and lots of love to all.

*Penny Alder*

### Sê NEE vir "fracking"

Ons lees en hoor oral van die projek om skaliegas in die Karoo te ontgin. Ons weet waar die "rooi gemerkte" gebied is waar die skalieafbreking ("fracking") beplan word. Verder hoor en lees ons dat Kanada die proses geheel en al afkeur. In Amerika is daar talle van hierdie projekte gedoen en die proses laat net 'n totaal vernietigde gebied agter, wat nooit weer sal herstel nie.

Dat ons regering 'n tydelike moratorium op die saak geplaas het, stem my tot dankbaarheid. Terselfdertyd wil ek graag namens die boerderygemeenskap aan ons President en sy Minister van Mynwese 'n paar feite noem. Ek hoop dat dit op die regte ore sal val.

Vir meer as 250 jaar al het die "rooigemerkte" deel van die Karoo sy deel gedoen om:

1. Buitelandse kapitaal die land in te bring.
2. Mense van kos te voorsien.

3. 'n Onderhoubare lewensbestaan aan boere, plaaswerkers en inwoners van dorpe in die gebied te voorsien.

4. Kontinuiteit te behou.

Die gebied se hoofboerdery is lewende hawe. So kry ons dat:

1. Die wêreld se beste bokhaar uit hierdie gebied kom.
2. Van die heel beste Merinowol in die wêreld hier geproduseer word.
3. Eie skaaprasse is met die tyd saam hier ontwikkel.
4. Die Karooslaglam (Dorper) is vandag van die beste vleis op enige mark.
5. Die boerbok se teling is ook hier só verbeter dat dit baie gesog is – kyk maar na die Durban-afset.

So, geagte Minister, moet nie die duisende werksgeleenthede wat tot niet sal gaan as die Karoo "opgefrack" gaan word, minag nie.

Daar is van die ouer boere wat nog die olieboerdery in die laat-sestigerjare op 'n plaas in die Prince Albert distrik onthou. Dit was maar een boor vir een gat. Die ontwrigting wat dit vir die boerdery op daardie plaas veroorsaak het, bly in ons geheue. Die belofte dat plaaslike werkers

(Vervolg op p 5)

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(Briewe... Vervolg vanaf p 4)

in diens geneem sou word, was boonop ook net 'n storie, want al die werkers is van die Oos-Kaap ingevoer – kwansuis “opgelei”.

Ons onthou die besmette boorgate, wat drinkwater aan diere moes voorsien: Die-re het verseg om dit te drink, as gevolg van die “drill lubricant” wat gebruik is. Hierdie saak het etlike maande geduur en uiteindelik is daar erken dat die situasie wel giftig kon wees as die diere te veel “lubricant” sou inkry.

Ons vra dus mooi: “Shell en die res, moet ons nie probeer bluf nie.” Die inligting oor die nadele van “fracking” is vandag vrylik beskikbaar. Kan ons verkwalik word as ons voel dat Shell en die ander olimaatskappye ons bedrieg?

Pasop vir 'n tenk vol petrol en niks om van te leef nie. Die wetenskap se boodskap aan die planeet is: Water en voedsel.

Laat asseblief die Karoo met rus, en daar sal vir nog 300 jaar produktiwiteit wees.

Die “fracking” gaan maar vir hoogstens 20 jaar duur – en dan is die Karoo vir ewig daarmee heen!

Sê NEE vir “fracking”!

*Pat Marincowitz*

### Proud of our IEC officials

Voting day was a wonderful occasion at the Sydwell Williams voting station. Friends chatted amiably in the queue. Nobody minded when the old or the infirm were taken to the front. And many voters even had words of encouragement for us IEC employees.

For me, previously having served only at the tiny Drie Riviere Farm Shed voting station, it was an awesome experience. (I saw more voters in one hour than I had in three days at Drie Riviere!) Our Presiding Officer, Mr Minnaar, had us there at 5.30am on the day so that the voting station could be spic, span and ready to open at 7am. And we were there until after 2am the next day – along with six Party Agents and Ward Candidate Margrietha Jaftha – until

every ballot had been checked, verified and counted. A big “Thank you” goes to all my young colleagues who served so spiritedly on the day – Brendon, Landie, Dansill, Nadine, Theresa, Yolanda, and Angelo. Also to our unflappable Area Manager, Mrs Mettler, the inspiring Mr Minnaar and the brilliant Electoral Project Coordinator, Kelly Cloete. Together we did it!

*Barbara Castle  
Deputy Presiding Officer*

### Traffic Control in Prince Albert

I am concerned over the lack of speed control and management of vehicles, particularly large trucks travelling at high speed along Church Street. It is well known that large trucks pass through Prince Albert to avoid weigh bridges in Beaufort West and there is not much we can do to avoid this. However, there is something that can be done to control the speed at which these huge vehicles travel

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## Sterreprag oor Prince Albert

- Hans Daehne -

It was heerlik om tydens die Prince Albert Olyffees, saam met 'n paar nuwe sterrevriende, die wonder van die sterreheem onder ideale omstandighede te geniet.

Nou, in Junie, is dit weer tyd vir die pragtige winterkonstellasies soos die reusagtige Skerpioen, die ingewikkelde Boogskutter en *Boötes* met sy helder rooi reus bokant ons koppe. Dit is deur en deur die moeite werd om tydens die koudste tyd van die jaar die lens van 'n teleskoop in die rigting van die middel-punt van ons galaksie te fokus, waar die Melkweg op sy digste is, en elke dowwe kol in die verstommendste sterrehopie of -newel te sien ontpop.

Junie het vir my, soos seker vir baie sonskynliwende persone in die suidelike halfgrond, nog 'n spesiale bekoring, en dit is omdat die sonstilstand op die 21 Junie plaasvind waarna die dae weer geleidelik begin langer word.

Venus bly nog die oggendster tydens Junie, maar beweeg al nader aan die Son en is daarna vir ons onsigbaar tot in September, waarna sy na die oostekant van die Son beweeg en weer vir die res van die jaar 'n aandverskyning as Aandster sal begin maak.

Die Maan is 1 Junie in sy nuwemaanposisie. Volmaan val op 15 Junie wat hierdie keer van besondere belang is omdat dit saamval met 'n totale maansverduistering wat vanaf 20h00 tot 24h00 waargeneem kan word.

Die helder *Jupiter* is sigbaar in die oggendhemel in die sterrebeeld van die Visse en skuif op 7 Junie na *Aries*. Teen die einde van Junie sal Jupiter net na middernag opkom.

Saturnus kom in Junie naby *Porrina* in *Virgo* tot stilstand en beweeg dan weer na die hoofster van die Maagd, *Spica* en word in die proses al dowwer.

Junie en Julie is gunstige maande om meteoriet-reëns waar te neem. Op 5

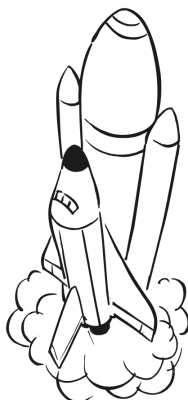
Junie, vanaf 20h00, behoort die relatiewe min maanskyn die asemrowende sig van die verskietende sterre in die rigting van die Skerpioen, positief te beïnvloed.

Die gereelde kyk met 'n verkyker na die suide in die omgewing van die Suiderkruis en ander kruise, waarborg 'n ryk beloning omdat die kruise nou hoog staan en verstommende voorwerpe huisves.

Die 25ste en laaste ruimtevlug van die pendeltuig Endeavour na die Internasionale Ruimtestasie (ISS) moes weens 'n foutiewe verwarmers van brandstoftype met twee weke uitgestel word en die tweede, suksesvolle lanseringspoging, was op 16 Mei. Die bemanning bestaan uit ses ruimtevaarders en die vlug na die ISS sal twee dae duur. Na vier ruimte-wandeling sal die ruimtevaarders op 1 Julie weer op die landingsstrook by die Kennedy Ruimtesentrum neerstryk. Die laaste vlug van die pendeltuig Atlantis word om bogenoemde rede nou ook vertraag na 15 Julie.

Ruimtetuie word net voor lansering met yskoue brandstof gelaai wat die temperatuur in sekere enjin onderdele so laat daal dat die brandstof-toevoerpype tydens lansering weer verhit moet word. 'n Fout in hierdie sisteem is net betyds opgetel en alles is herbedraad en getoets tot bevrediging van die ingenieurs. Dit benadruk hoe noukeurig die pendeltuie voor elke lansering ondersoek moet word om almal se veiligheid te verseker. Die peperduur instandhouding van die verouderde tuie gee dan nou grootliks aanleiding tot hulle skraping.

Hou die sterre in u oë



## FUTURE EVENTS

### Junie 2011

**1 June:** Garden Club plant sale & AGM, 1 Crosby St, 15:00

**3 & 4 June:** Stargazing with Astro Tours

**10 & 11 June:** Stargazing with Astro Tours

**22 Junie:** Vriende van die Fransie Pienaar Museum Jaarvergadering, FP Museum, 19:00

**23 June:** PACF, 'Debating the Merits of Picasso with John Begg', St John's Hall, 19:00

**24 & 25 June:** Star-gazing with Astro Tours

### July 2011

**15 July:** Moonlight Market, Markie, 18:00

**16 Julie:** Skoudans, Landbouskousaal

**22 Julie:** Bekendstelling van kykNET Filmfeesprogram, Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg

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## VERKOOP!

Marguerite Lear het haar hart oornag op hierdie mooi historiese gewelhuis in ons hoofstraat verloor - en sy sê sodra haar huis in Milnerton verkoop is, trek sy en haar honde dadelik na ons wye Karoo toe!



## TE KOOP!

Veilig ingeburger in 'n eksklusiewe singel van net dertien erwe, verwelkom hierdie mooi en ekstra ruim oopplan huis jou met ope arms. Drie slaapkamers, twee badkamers. Dubbele motorhuis, fraai tuin, lekker swembad. Eksieperfeksie! R1,75 mil



## VERKOOP!

Die kundige belegger wat sy geld in hierdie huis met sy ekstra erf belê het, gaan goeie diwidende kry as hy eers die nodige reddingswerk gedoen het. Die outentieke Karoo-fasade is een van die dae weer te sien!

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**R1,5 mil**



Wat 'n goeie koop! Hier heers rus en vrede in elke vertrek en in die lieflike inheemse tuin. Gawe drie slaapkamerhuis met twee volle badkamers en beste patio!

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through our town.

I observe on a daily basis the excessive speeds that these trucks and other vehicles travel on Church St and have not once observed any traffic officers attempting to trap/control or stop vehicles that are breaking the law. I have, however, observed traffic officers dishing out fines to drivers for not using seat belts and other offences, yet these juggernaut vehicles speed through town at great risk to other motorists and pedestrians crossing the road.

The official speed limit for all vehicles in Prince Albert is 60 km/h. This is clearly much too fast for heavy vehicles as they would never be able to stop in a short space if necessary, even if they were adhering to the limit. Furthermore, the trucks all use their air brakes to slow down during the day and night, creating a huge amount of noise.

The speed limit for heavy vehicles in De Rust and Laingsburg is 40kmh, which is very strictly policed, and there are signs that indicate that trucks may not use their

air brakes within the village/ town precinct.

I suggest that stricter speed controls for heavy vehicles are enforced in Prince Albert and that signs are erected to forbid the use of air brakes within the town's boundaries. I also suggest that traffic officials are more visible when it comes to enforcing more important traffic codes, particularly speeding and reckless driving.

I have forwarded the original version of my letter to the Acting Municipal Manager, Prince Albert Local Municipality.

*Jeremy Freemantle*



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## Brett the Vet Before Fracking Began

There was once a town in the heart of South Africa where all life seemed to live in harmony with its surroundings. The town lay in the midst of prosperous farms occupying the plains and fertile valleys where, in spring, pink clouds of bloom drifted above verdant fields shimmering in a haze of blue. In autumn, vineyards became a blaze of colour that glowed in the crisp, clear sunshine.

Then jackals called in the hills, antelope graced the mountain slopes, and fish leapt in the crystal streams. Great floral kingdoms flourished and delighted the traveller's eye through much of the year, particularly after the rains when a kaleidoscopic carpet of flowers adorned the ground, stretching to distant horizons. The area was famous for its variety and abundance of birdlife. The jubilant dawn chorus and skies teeming with raptors and butterflies attracted visitors from all over the world who came to marvel at the richness and beauty of life. So it had been from the days many years ago when the first settlers built their houses, sank their wells, and cared for the land.

But all the while surreptitious wars were being waged against the very lifeblood of the landscape, which in time became condoned. The shift from survival to prosperity twisted the value systems of

previously contented men and women who began to see nature as a threat, inciting them to embark on a senseless course of destruction. Everything began to change.

It wasn't long before the last mountain leopard was triumphantly shot, jackals were being hunted mercilessly from helicopters, and antelope routinely ambushed, blinded by lights in the depths of the night then blasted into oblivion at close range. Traps and poisons littered the landscape, indiscriminately maiming, torturing, and killing all manner of species in the most heinous ways imaginable. Toxic residues laced all edible food. Fear and loathing of sensual, secretive snakes elicited explosive reactions in people who stoned and savaged them.

Improved roads allowed faster, bigger cars, and even trucks to roar through the countryside unhindered, annihilating insects, birds, tortoises, apes, foxes and a myriad of rare and delicate creatures who crossed their path, leaving splattered corpses strewn across the asphalt.

Open warfare with our cousins, the baboons, became a routine kind of sport where people made up their own rules about shooting them. Baboons trapped in cages were left to suffer and die under a burning sun. Others were simply dispatched for profit to laboratories, restrained in solitary confinement and regularly immobilized for scientists to

conduct hellish experiments on their live, pulsating bodies daily, for years.

Violence and aggression towards nature filtered into people's lives and relationships. Life partners began to loathe one another. Children rejected their parents and themselves. Bullying, fighting, rape, suicide, alcoholism, and drug taking raged out of control. Even pets would be routinely ignored, beaten, run over, abandoned, or discarded.

The scale of slaughter escalated, as did people's taste for flesh that could not be satisfied. With increasing disease the incidence of sickness, cancers, obesity, and dissatisfaction debilitated the townsfolk, and their domestic animals. There was a strange stillness. Birds and other wild creatures gradually disappeared. Overgrazing reduced the veld to rocks and dust. An eerie silence lay over the plains, mountains, and valleys. All that remained were ghostly pictures and films of the abundant life that once existed flashing across HD screens in technicolour detail.

Many people left the town in search of elusive, better places to live, and the frail children who remained begged the question 'Why was our world not worth saving?'

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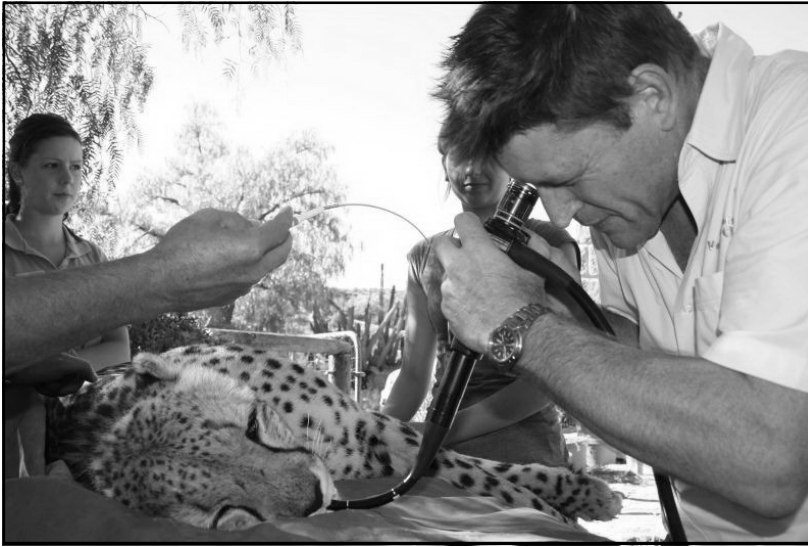
Solid family home in quiet position with exceptional potential. Home has three bedrooms, family bathroom with separate loo as well as a separate flatlet. Huge potential in this property!

**R 4,3m**

One of a kind large family home on extensive grounds with water, trees and orchards. Generous accommodation with four beds, two baths, open plan living spaces flowing to shaded patios and lawns, and mountain views. Separate income producing cottage, laundry and garage make this a very desirable property!



## Cango's Cheetahs Undergo Annual Medical Check-up



Oudtshoorn vet Glen Carlisle, studies the stomach lining of 11-year-old cheetah, Zorro, for signs of gastritis. The cat is one of the Cango Wildlife Ranch's breeding males [Photo: R Hall]

- Carol Campbell -

Five male breeding Cheetahs from Cango Wildlife Ranch in Oudtshoorn underwent their annual medical check-up recently when they were tested for signs of gastritis, a common problem in captive cheetahs. What it means is that they develop a build-up of amyloid, a waxy substance in the kidneys, which can cause kidney failure and ultimately death.

Local vet, Dr Glen Carlisle, who is internationally recognised for his work

on renal amyloidosis in captive cheetahs, darted the animals and, with the help of visiting Belgian veterinary student nurse, Leen Desmeth, took twelve stomach lining tissue samples from each cat using endoscopic biopsy forceps.

The tissue samples have been sent to Dr Emily Lane, a specialist zoo and domestic animal pathologist at Pretoria Zoo. Lane will check the tissue for gastritis and, if positive, the cheetahs will be treated with a course of antibiotics to stop the infection.

Rob Hall, head of operations at the Cango Wildlife Ranch, said for years staff at the Ranch had been mystified by the sudden loss of condition and subsequent death of previously healthy cheetahs.

Older cats, especially those over seven, became weak, very thin, dehydrated and then started vomiting and suffering from diarrhoea. Eventually these animals had to be put to sleep.

"Through experience we have identified the problem, kidney amyloid caused by gastritis, and are now able to step in to delay the, renal amyloidosis for as long as possible," Hall said.

There is no cure for amyloidosis but early identification and treatment of the cause (gastritis) can delay the amyloid from forming.

In the examination recently Carlisle used an endoscope to look at the lining of each cat's stomach before pinching off twelve small bits of tissue with specialised biopsy forceps.

While the cheetahs were under anaesthesia they were given a thorough health check, blood and skin was collected for kidney evaluation and DNA work, and their vaccinations were brought up to date. Hall said it was crucial that the cheetahs were properly managed to avoid them becoming sick.

"Besides the routine medical check they need to have comfortable sleeping quarters and we need to ensure that individuals in the group get on. They also need to be kept in natural and spacious enclosures away from other cats which might cause them stress."

The research into this problem by Cango Wildlife Ranch, has provided data for cheetah breeding programmes around the world with Carlisle publishing his findings in 2005 in the Cat Specialist Group Journal.

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## Museum News: The Visitor's Book

We see them strolling up and down the main street, lingering at coffee shops, photographing our houses, admiring our art, and sometimes just standing and taking in the open space. But who are they, where are they from and what do they think of our town? Save for having a passport control on the Swartberg Pass and at Prince Albert Road, visitors to our town may well come and go unrecorded were it not for the timeworn idea of signing a visitors book.

Many of the guesthouses, and B&B's are in proud possession of such records, telling of trips made from across the world to this tiny Karoo corner. In the centre of town, the Museum, which holds the stories of our past and present, is also privy to the names, nationalities and comments of those passing through.

Folks from such places as St. Helena Island, Venice, New Zealand, Australia, Kenya and even Estonia, Russia and

Japan have visited the town, and some with rather unique agendas and itineraries. A recent visitor from Australia was a woman in her late fifties who had hired a car and was travelling the length and breadth of South Africa on her own. And it is from such an array that one reads rather interesting comments:

*Best country museum ever / Still interesting after 4 visits / Fascinating walk through the history of Prince Albert / Well worth a visit – we loved the book from Queen Victoria / A wonderful tribute to the history of the town / An enriching experience – look after your assets Prince Albert / Tres joli musée / thanks for taking care of this legacy / impressive return to a well-preserved past / a magnificent collection in a glorious little town – found the violin! / Christine Thomas' exhibition outstanding / loved the fossils / loved the San, Koi and Bushmen display.*

A fitting comment of well-known culi-

nary icon and author, Dr Renata Coetzee was "*I grew up with your kitchen.*" "*Always new!*" commented our celebrated local artist Hekkie Moos on one of his many visits.

Two somewhat poignant comments were from a gentleman from Wales - "*A memory lane of my boyhood in South Africa*" and the other, a resident from Mutare, Zimbabwe - "*very inspiring to see what has been preserved*".

So let's add to this preservation of history, the Museum's visitors book, which records details of one of Prince Albert's most important *raison d'être*, being the foreign faces from faraway places who pay us a visit and the many positive comments which add to our town's great reputation.

Museum Greetings  
Lorna Verran

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## Laetitia van Dyk Nuwe Voorsitter van ABSA KKNK



Professor Laetitia van Dyk

Professor Laetitia van Dyk besit beide 'n huis en die Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg in Prince Albert se De Beerstraat. Sy is 'n toegewyde ondersteuner van die kunste en het sedert die opening van die Schouwburg in 2007 'n hele rits uitstaande produksies na Prince Albert, waar sy ook 'n getroue ondersteuner van gemeenskap-sake is, gebring.

Laetitia is pas gekies as die nuwe voorsitter van die Absa KKNK Direksie. Sy is reeds vanaf 2006 'n Raadslid en sien uit om saam met uitstaande kunstenaars te werk in hierdie groot jaarlikse geleentheid wat al vir die afgelope 17 jaar so suksesvol is. Volgende jaar begin die KKNK op 31 Maart in Oudtshoorn en duur tot Saterdag 7 April. Laetitia beplan om haar in die jaar wat voorlê toe te spits op die bevordering van die kunste wat almal saamsmelt en groot hoogtes by die KKNK bereik.

Om die eerste vrou te wees om 'n organisasie te lei is vir haar niks nuuts nie. Laetitia was ook die eerste vrou aan die stuur van beide die SA Instituut van Bankiers en die Bankmed Trustee Raad. Sy staan tans aan die hoof van die Sentrum vir Leierskap Studies by die Stellenbosch Universiteit se Besigheidskool en sal vanaf 1 Junie die voorsitter van die Departement van Ondernemingsbestuur van dieselfde Universiteit wees.

Laetitia het dit bewerk dat die kykNet Filmfees, wat later vanjaar in Suid-Afrika se hoofsentrums gaan plaasvind, op 22 Julie in Prince Albert by die Schouwburg afskop. Swaargewigte uit die Suid-Afrikaanse film en televisie-industrie, sowel as die media- en besigheidswêreld sal almal die luisterryke gala-geleentheid bywoon.

## Fransie Pienaar Museum hosts Nobel Prize Exhibition

A travelling exhibition, which tells the stories of South Africa's four Nobel Peace Prize laureates, will go on display at the Fransie Pienaar Museum on 22 June for several months.

The exhibition includes visual components through which visitors will be able to view historical footage, images and sound recordings reflecting the lives and times of Albert Luthuli, Desmond Tutu,

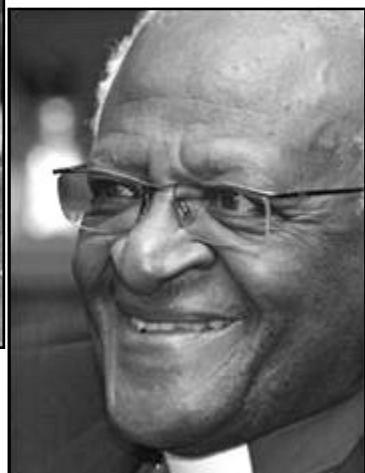
Nelson Mandela and FW de Klerk. The exhibition text and accompanying materials is presented in Afrikaans, English and IsiXhosa.

The travelling exhibition was unveiled in October last year to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to the first African and a South African, Chief Albert Luthuli. It was produced by the Western Cape Department

Cultural Affairs and Sport in co-operation with the V & A Waterfront Company (Pty) Ltd.

The Fransie Pienaar Museum is open Monday to Friday from 09h30 – 12h30 and 14h00 – 16h30; Saturday 09h30 – 12h00; and Sunday 10h30 – 12h00.

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## ‘n Fees van ‘n Troue



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- Denise Ohlson -

Saterdag, 30 April 2011, sal altyd ‘n baie spesiale datum bly vir die families Viljoen en Dubery. Op hierdie

heuglike dag is dorpsdogter Anli Viljoen en Pretorianer Hein Dubery in die plaaslike NG Kerk deur dominee Johan Botes in die huwelik bevestig en ingeseën deur die bruid se oudste broer, Hendri.

Dit was ‘n egte familietroue en die onthaal in die skuur op Drie Riviere, waar Johanna Luttig en haar span weer skitterend reggestaan het, was ‘n triomf. Johanna was ook verantwoordelik vir die fraai bruidsruike met die silwer lint wat Anli se ouma op haar troudag in 1940 gedra het, vir die blomme in die kerk en op die tafels.

Die uitsonderlike troukoek is gebak deur bruidsmoeder Susan Viljoen. Dit het bestaan uit ‘n wortelkoek, ‘n bruin sjokoladekoek en ‘n wit vrugtekoek – kunstig versier.

Die troufoto’s is geneem deur ‘n gawe en troue vriend van Newcastle, Louis Joubert – by die kerk, in ‘n herehuis, in die veld by ‘n windpomp, op die stofpad na Drie Riviere, by die lieflike bloekom-

bome by Denneboomerf... Innige momente vol piëteit, liefde en vreugde.

Pa Pieter het sy enigste dogter sonder huiwering afgegee aan haar Hein, wat Anli so drie jaar gelede in die Kaap ontmoet het. Pas terug uit Engeland - waar hy onderwys gegee het - en op pad na sy nuwe pos by die *Maputo International School* in Mosambiek, het hy, onbeskaamd familievas, eers sy Kaapse niggie gaan groet. Hier is hy aan Anli voorgestel – min wetend dat hy sy toekomstige bruid ontmoet het...

Ses maande later het Anli hom na Mosambiek gevolg. Sy was so gelukkig om by die argiteksfirma Mesch werk te kry, om die interieur van ‘n nuwe hotel in Tete te doen.

Die getroude paar sit hul onderskeie beroepe voort in Pretoria, waar Hein junior lektor is by die Tshwane Universiteit van Tegnologie, terwyl Anli haar talente as tekenaar en beplanner by Forest Flooring gaan uitleef.

## Marisa Theron en Zack van Zyl trou

- Miems Theron -

Toe my aanstaande skoonseun in Maart 2010 kom ouers vra het, amper nog uitasem van die Argus fietsren, het ek nie geweet ál die reëlins vir die troue is alreeds somer daar in die Kaap gefinaliseer nie - ontwerper, venue, spysenier, die hele kaboedel! Hulle sou presies ‘n jaar later trou - op Saterdag, 9 April 2011.

Marisa se rok is gemaak deur modeontwerper Susan Ellis-Danhauser van Durbanville. En g’n fieterjasies wou sy hê nie. Geen kant, krulle of krale nie – nie eens konfetti nie! Haar twee susters, Erina en Daleen, met hul spruite, Zander, Stehan en Abigayle, was deel van die gevolg, asook Zack se broer Carl en sy boesemvriend Russel Collett. Rassie Erasmus was verantwoordelik vir al die blomme in die kerk en ook die bruidsgroep s’n - en ai, was dit nie pragtig nie!

Ds Johan Botes het al die pad van Prince Albert af gekom om die paartjie te trou in die ou historiese “Andrew Murray”



Foto: Jaco le Roux

Kerk in Wellington – daar waar Andrew Murray se standbeeld as ‘t ware met sy voete op die sypaadjie staan!

Pa Pieter het sy derde dogter met ‘n traan in die oog afgestaan, maar darem in die vertroostende wete dat Sakkie en Vivienne van Zyl, daar van De Aar, se boerseun die regte keuse is vir sy

Marisa. Zack het gematrikuleer aan Union High in Graaf-Reinet en daarna sy landboudiploma by Elsenburg verwerf. Marisa, ook ‘n plaasdogter, is gebore en getoë in Prince Albert, was hoofdogter aan Hoërskool Zwartberg in 2000 en het haar B.Com Bemarking aan die Universiteit van Stellenbosh voltooi.

Ná die huweliksplegtigheid is ons na die Kleinevalleij Venue. Die uitsig op die blou berge en oor die groen grasperke was prentjiemooi.

Die spysenier, Rassie Marais, het aan al ons verwagtinge voldoen. Cordon Bleu hoender, skaapboud en vark met groente en slaai was ons hoofdis, nadat ons heerlik gepeusel het aan die smaaklike southappies. Met die poeding kon jy ook skaars jou keuse maak, só ‘n groot verskeidenheid het hy voorgesit.

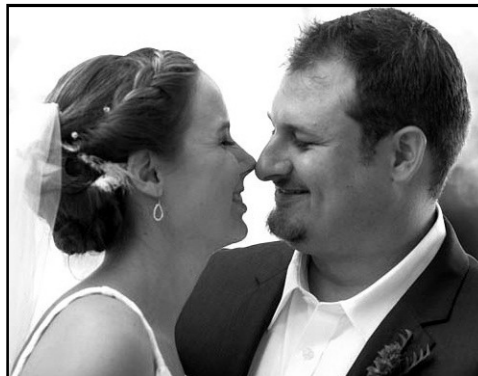
Die paartjie het ná die troue vertrek na Zanzibar vir hul wittebrood. Einde April is hulle terug Engeland toe, waar Zack by konstruksiewerk en Marisa by banksake betrokke is.

## ON ACCOUNT OF A WEDDING for the love of each other... and the Karoo

- Lisa Key -

Capetonians Claire Fox and Rhyder Key met in 2008 and after a “flash mob” proposal in 2010, were married in Prince Albert in 2011. “I have always wanted to have a garden wedding and after several memorable weekends in Prince Albert we decided that the garden at African Relish would be the perfect setting,” says Claire.

So on 16 April the restaurant – and the weather – put on a fabulous show for a hundred wedding guests who came from far and wide to share Claire and Rhyder’s special day. “Friends and family came from around the country as well as the Netherlands and the UK,” says Claire. “All of whom made a full weekend of celebration in Prince Albert. It was great for them to see another side of South African life, not just Cape Town.



Peter Russell Photography

“I wanted to have peacock feathers as the theme for the wedding, so this dictated the colours for the bridesmaids and the table settings,” says Claire. They used rocks from the riverbed as place-name savers and peacock feathers were everywhere... including the bride’s hair and bouquet. “They even

made it onto the wedding cake, which an old school friend of Rhyder’s made for us as a gift,” laughs Claire.

Virna Gouws, in her role as wedding planner, worked tirelessly... even getting the garden to bloom on cue! And a magical makeover transformed it into an exquisite wedding venue of outdoor bliss. Masses of flowers, enchanted fairy lights and a sunset in the olive orchard made the ceremony an unforgettable experience.

After speeches a gourmet feast was served by African Relish cooking school, which included beetroot, soup with *Witblits* distilled at the museum, Karoo lamb, cheesecake and more. Later the courtyard became a dance floor and the wedding party continued until the early hours when the happy couple departed for Dennehof Guest House and the start of their honeymoon.

### PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT

#### KENNISGEWING 17/2011 FINALE BEGROTING 2011/12 EN VASSTELLING VAN EIENDOMSBELASTING EN TARIWE

Kennisgewing geskied hiermee kragtens die bepalings van Artikel 22 van die Wet op Plaaslike Regering: Munisipale Finansiële Bestuur, 2003 (Wet 56 van 2003) en Artikel 75A van die Wet op Plaaslike Regering: Munisipale Stelsels, 2000 (Wet 32 van 2000) dat die finale Kapitaal- en Bedryfsbegroting van Prince Albert Munisipaliteit vir die 2011/12 boekjaar op 29 April 2011 ter tafel gelê is en dat:

1. 'n Opsomming van die begroting gedurende kantoor-ure ter insae lê by –

|               |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Prince Albert | - Finansies Kantoor |
| Leeu Gamka    | - Biblioteek        |
| Klaarstroom   | - Biblioteek        |

2. Eiendomsbelasting gebaseer op die waardasierol soos op 1 Julie 2009, met inagneming van daaropvolgende aanvullende waardasies soos volg gehê sal word: –

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Prince Albert    | - R 3,10 / R 1000 |
| Leeu Gamka       | - R 3,10 / R 1000 |
| Klaarstroom      | - R 2,20 / R 1000 |
| Landelike Gebied | - R 0,78 / R 1000 |

3. Tariewe ten opsigte van die volgende is as volg aangepas:

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| Riool         | - 9,00 %  |
| Vullis        | - 10,00 % |
| Water         | - 10,16 % |
| Elektrisiteit | - 20,00 % |

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Wnde Munisipale Bestuurder

23 Mei 2011

### PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY

#### NOTICE 17/2011 FINAL BUDGET 2011/12 AND FIXING OF PROPERTY RATES AND TARIFFS

Notice is hereby given in terms of the stipulations of Section 22 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act 56 of 2003) and Section 75A of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000) that the final Capital and Operational Budget of Prince Albert Municipality for 2011/12 financial year was tabled on 29 April 2011 and that:

1. A summary of the budget will be available for inspection during office hours at –

|               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| Prince Albert | - Finance Office |
| Leeu Gamka    | - Library        |
| Klaarstroom   | - Library        |

2. Property rates based on the valuation roll as at 1 July 2009, with consideration of subsequent additional valuations will be levied as follows: –

|               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Prince Albert | - R 3,10 / R 1000 |
| Leeu Gamka    | - R 3,10 / R 1000 |
| Klaarstroom   | - R 2,20 / R 1000 |
| Rural Area    | - R 0,78 / R 1000 |

3. Tariffs regarding the following were adjusted as follows: –

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| Sewerage    | - 9,00 %  |
| Refuse      | - 10,00 % |
| Water       | - 10,16 % |
| Electricity | - 20,00 % |

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Wnde Munisipale Bestuurder

23 May 2011



## Festival Underlines Fracking Threat



Jennifer Cohen and Lisa Smith ran the anti-fracking stall at the Olive Festival (Photo: S Farmer)

- Barbara Castle -

The main purpose of the Prince Albert Olive Festival is to market the town. To draw visitors from far and wide who will fill our many guesthouses eat in our restaurants and buy our products. To, in short, give a cash injection to the many businesses and private individuals who keep our town humming along by providing employment to so many Prince Alberters.

This year we moved off the streets and onto the museum grounds. And stalls flowed from the market on Church Street right the way through to the school playing field behind. One of those benefiting from the passing parade was the anti-fracking stand in the *Dam*. Staffed mainly by the indefatigable Lisa Smith and the effervescent Jennifer Cohen they had a constant stream of visitors... both locals and out-of-towners. "At one stage we had a queue of people wanting to sign the anti-fracking petition that stretched all the way from the entrance!" said Smith; who, with Cohen, had put up an excellent visual 'story' of the dangers inherent in fracturing shale (lying 5km beneath the Earth's surface) to extract natural gas.

Their stand offered leaflets, newspaper articles, T-shirts and photographs of the wasted land that fracking leaves behind. "Both Renu-Karoo and Malachite Nurseries gave us [indigenous Karoo] plants for our display and Judy [McGuire]'s posters were great for contextualising the

precious heritage of the Karoo," said Cohen.

Many foreign visitors were totally unaware of fracking operations taking place in their own countries and had never heard of this sinister process used by many fuel companies around the globe. "A pair of Canadians," said Smith, "was under the impression that hydraulic fracturing was safe ... until they saw the loop we had going from the movie *Gasland*. They were horrified! Bought the DVD signed the petition and said they would do whatever necessary to stop it in Canada. Then there was a Dutch family who were adamant that this was not happening in Holland ... until I gave them the anti frack site for the Netherlands."

But closer to home all the very things that attract us to the Karoo – the stillness, the peace, the space, the birds, the big blue sky, the clean healthy air – all are under threat from fracking. Two farmers who didn't know their land had been targeted found themselves on the map for seismic testing by Falcon Oil & Gas. And a Grade 2 learner signed the petition saying that she had seen it on TV and "it must not happen in the Karoo!"

"People spent time reading our signs, watching video clip and studying the photos – the ones of the tanker trucks parked at a fracking site... imagine them coming through the Meiringspoort pass and town every day!" says Cohen.

All in all 784 people signed the petition,

14 *Gasland* DVDs and 85 T-shirts were sold, and a huge amount of interest was generated.

Fracking has been banned in New York, New Jersey, Quebec and likely in New South Wales, Australia. There are moratoria on fracking in over 100 jurisdictions in the US. And our government's move to place a moratorium on this lethal practice in South Africa is seen as a First World response and one we should be proud of.

But take heed, just in case you think the moratorium will see the end of it. The process actually started almost 30 years ago when the South African state oil and gas company, SOEKOR, drilled the first exploratory wells in this part of the Karoo basin... and encountered numerous gas shows. On the strength of this, American-based Falcon Oil & Gas Ltd secured a Technical Cooperation Permit in 2009 to "evaluate the Karoo Basin." And, since putting in much money and effort, they are unlikely to quietly fold up their operation in the Karoo and slink away.

So none of us can sleep easy at night simply worrying about our crops wilting, our sheep being killed by jackal and baboons, a civet getting into the henhouse, or our horses getting out and rushing down the R407. Because there is a far greater threat out there...

Speak to Lisa Smith, Jennifer Cohen, Judy McGuire or Sue Milton-Dean and become a fractivist today!

### Fracking Facts

A single frack lasts up to three or four days, and uses 3 500 litres of water and chemicals per minute. Trucking in water and chemicals can be a 24/7 process, requiring on average over a thousand truck trips per drilling site.

Road accidents, leaky valves and other mishaps can lead to toxic spills.

And just think of the wear and tear to our road system when just a single drill rig weighs over 40 tons!

## The 2011 Olive Festival Thanks You

The purpose of our Olive Festival is to market our town. We distributed 20 000 advertising pamphlets between Plettenberg Bay and Mossel Bay, from Beaufort West to Laingsburg and between Oudtshoorn and Ladismith. It clearly paid off as we had an increase in the number of day visitors and all possible accommodation was fully booked.

On the whole, the Festival proved to be a wonderful success! This is thanks to the contributions and efforts of many:

- \* The Prince Albert Municipality for their sponsorship and for contributing towards the children's entertainment
- \* Jan Nel and his electrical team
- \* George Visagie and his hardworking refuse removal crew
- \* Pedro Oliphant and Heinrich Mettler for their assistance
- \* Johannes Jonkers of the Central Karoo District Municipality for sponsorship
- \* Municipal traffic officials for their assistance
- \* Hoërskool Zwartberg for the use of their grounds
- \* OK Grocer for sponsoring the Pampoenkraal Dansorkes for Hoërskool Zwartberg
- \* Donald Booyesen, manager of Klein Karoo Kooperasie for sponsoring the Olive Pip Spitting Competition prizes
- \* The Thursday Group and Astro Tours for their cash donations
- \* The Oliviers for another donation of pomegranates
- \* Frederick Cilliers, the helicopter pilot, for donating his Sunday takings to the NG Kerk
- \* Malachite Services for lighting, security fences and always being around to help
- \* Mari and Johan du Toit for the donation of lights and Richard Waterston for light bulbs
- \* Elise and Johan Senekal for the donation of equipment
- \* John Brits and his Neighbourhood Watch team for all night security
- \* Prince Albert Police for helping to prevent any unpleasantness
- \* Millie Goliath, Dora Sass and Theresa Botes for the cleanest loos in the southern Cape
- \* Arthur Kamkam for filling the loos with water
- \* Judy Maguire and Michelle May for an extra special witblits stook
- \* John Southern for donating stookwyn
- \* Laetitia van Dyk for the use of the Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg
- \* Badisa Prince Albert for arranging the Baba O'lyfie competition
- \* Imke Maeyer, Bokkie Botha & Mark Steyn and everyone who donated to the Auction
- \* Zwartberg Runners for another successful race day
- \* Shaun van der Walt and his Beer Garden crew
- \* Diana Koorts and her school kiosk team
- \* Fransie Pienaar Museum volunteers
- \* Lorna Verran for her cartoon on the Festival Programme
- \* Sue Goosen's Garden Club committee for the Open Gardens and Home Tour
- \* Jumping Castle volunteers – Sally Arnold, Elise Senekal, Megan Reinders, Sue & André Goosen, Tilanie & Hans Daehne, Barbara Gorniak, Sandra Esterhuizen, Emma Maeyer, Michaela Steyn & Zandeli Senekal
- \* Martha Lekay for her work at the Tourism Office
- \* Megan Hannies & Stella Pienaar, Hoërskool Zwartberg volunteers at the Tourism Office
- \* Matthew van Heerden and Joshua Swanepoel at the helicopter rides
- \* Barbara Castle, Dorrien Tissiman, William Kroon, Sonja McKenna & André Jaquet for the Olive Pip Spitting Competition
- \* All who volunteered at the Tourism Office – Elise Senekal, Imke Maeyer, Gill Hall, Julie Waterston, Di Steyn and Linda Jaquet
- \* *Prince Albert Friend* for support, ads and articles

A special thanks to Zelia Mullins who worked tirelessly and always with a smile to ensure that stallholders were happy and that everything ran smoothly. Lastly, the Olive Festival 2011 would not have been the success it was without the support, generosity and welcoming hearts of the people of Prince Albert, the friendliest town in the Karoo.

If we have left anyone out, it was not intentional and we apologise in advance.

## OLYFFEES 2011 / OLIVE FESTIVAL 2011



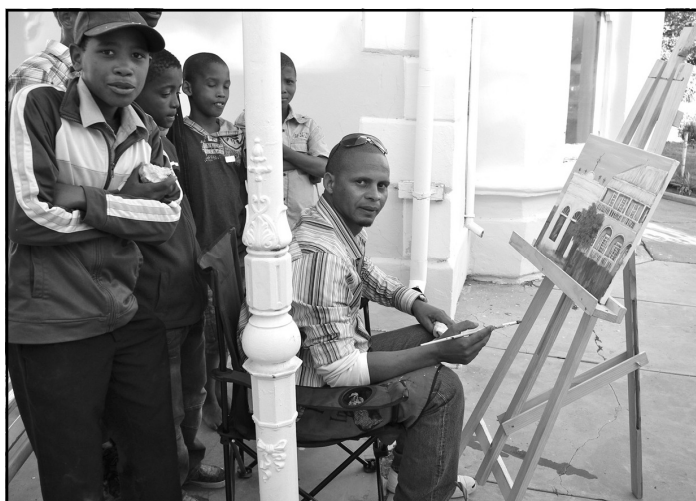
Prince Albert se Onderburgermeester, Nicolaas Abrahams (l), vergesel deur Di Steyn, Voorsitter van die Prince Albert toerisme-vereniging, neem die amptelike opening van die 2011 Olyffees waar.



Jean (r) ontvang die Clive van Hasselt wisseltrofee as die waardige wenner van die olyfpitspoeg kompetisie van Gay van Hasselt. Jean ewenaar hiermee Clive se langjarige rekord van 11.2 meter.



The jumping castle, giant slides, the frightening rocket, a paintball field and sand art were big hits with the younger Festivalgoers!



Local artist Nicky Schoeman's painting of the Seven Arches drew a curious audience (Photo: A Coetzee)



The ever-popular Eden Minstrels had toes tapping all weekend



The Thursday Group's second-hand books

**PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT****KENNISGEWING NOMMER 14/2011  
AANSOEK OM HERSONERING VAN  
ERF 492, KERKSTRAAT, PRINS ALBERT****J L PRETORIUS**

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 17 van Ordonnansie 15 van 1985 dat die Raad 'n aansoek van **MNR. J L PRETORIUS** ontvang het vir die **HERSONERING van ERF 492, KERKSTRAAT, PRINS ALBERT** vanaf **OWERHEID SONE na SAKE SONE I, VIR DIE BEDRYF VAN SELFSORG AKKOMMODASIE EN 'n KAMPEERTERREIN.**

Besonderhede van die voorstel lê ter insae by die Munisipale Kantoor, Kerkstraat 33, Prins Albert, gedurende kantoor-ure.

Skriftelike besware, indien enige teen die voorstel, tesame met redes, moet die ondergetekende voor of op **VRYPDAG 24 JUNIE 2011** bereik.

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| Munisipale Kantoor | PL OLIPHANT                |
| Privaatsak X53     | wnde MUNISIPALE BESTUURDER |
| PRINS ALBERT       | 12 Mei 2011                |
| 6930               | Tel. (023) 541-1320        |

**PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY****NOTICE NUMBER 14/2011  
PROPOSED REZONING OF  
ERF 492, CHURCH STREET, PRINCE ALBERT****J L PRETORIUS**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 17 of Ordinance 15 of 1985 that Council received an application from **MR. J L PRETORIUS** to **REZONE ERF 492 CHURCH STREET, PRINCE ALBERT** from **GOVERNMENT ZONE to BUSINESS ZONE I, TO PRACTICE SELF-CATERING ACCOMMODATION AND A CAMPING SITE.**

Details of the proposal are available for inspection at the Municipal Offices, 33 Church Street, Prince Albert, during office hours.

Written objection, if any, to the proposal together with reasons, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than **FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011.**

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| Municipal Offices | PL OLIPHANT              |
| Private Bag X53   | acting MUNICIPAL MANAGER |
| PRINCE ALBERT     | 12 May 2011              |
| 6930              | Tel. (023) 541-1320      |

**PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT****KENNISGEWING NOMMER 19/2011  
VOORGESTELDE AFWYKING  
VAN DORPSAANLEGSKEMA****ERF 1883, VAN DYKSTRAAT 7, PRINS ALBERT  
ME. B GORNIK namens ME. A NIEHAUS**

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 15(1)(a)(ii) van Ordonnansie 15 van 1985 dat die Raad 'n aansoek ontvang het vir 'n Afwyking van die Dorpsaanlegskema.

|                          |                                          |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>Naam:</b>             | Me. A Niehaus                            |
| <b>Adres:</b>            | Van Dykstraat 7                          |
| <b>Erf no:</b>           | 1883                                     |
| <b>Doel van aansoek:</b> | Vervaardiging van tuisnywerheid produkte |

Nadere besonderhede lê ter insae by die Munisipale Kantoor, Kerkstraat 33, Prins Albert, gedurende kantoor-ure.

Skriftelike besware, indien enige teen die voorstel, tesame met redes, moet die ondergetekende voor of op **VRYPDAG, 24 JUNIE 2011** bereik.

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| Munisipale Kantoor | PL OLIPHANT                |
| Privaatsak X53     | wnde MUNISIPALE BESTUURDER |
| PRINS ALBERT       | 12 Mei 2011                |
| 6930               | Tel. (023) 541-1320        |

**PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY****NOTICE NUMBER 19/2011  
PROPOSED DEPARTURE  
OF TOWN PLANNING SCHEME****ERF 1883, 7 VAN DYK STREET, PRINCE ALBERT  
MS. B GORNIK for MS. A NIEHAUS**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 15(1)(a)(ii) of Ordinance 15 of 1985 that the Council has received an application for Departure from the Town Planning scheme.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Name:</b>                   | Ms. A Niehaus                |
| <b>Address:</b>                | 7 van Dyk Street             |
| <b>Erf No:</b>                 | 1883                         |
| <b>Reason for application:</b> | Making of home-made products |

Details of the proposal are available for inspection in the Municipal Offices, 33 Church Street, Prince Albert, during office hours.

Written objections, if any, to the proposal together with reasons, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than **FRIDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011.**

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| Municipal Offices | PL OLIPHANT              |
| Private Bag X53   | acting MUNICIPAL MANAGER |
| PRINCE ALBERT     | 12 May 2011              |
| 6930              | Tel. (023) 541-1320      |

## Almost A Clean Sweep

- PARRA Committee -

The voice of the people has indeed been heard with only two of the previous six councillors returned to serve again.

The previous 'hung' council (3 ANC and 3 DA) resulted in far too much politicking and very little good for the community. Meetings were frequently abandoned because there was not a quorum.

Unqualified people were proposed and seconded into jobs. We lost an excellent Municipal Manager because, it is rumoured, she refused to sign off on expenditure. And millions of Rands worth of investments were squandered . . . by October already R745 183.59 had been spent on travel and subsistence when only R376 600.00 had been budgeted for the whole year!

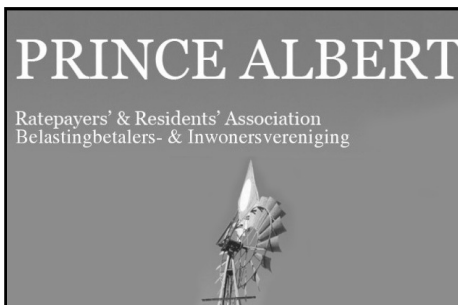
There were allegations of the improper allocation of contracts, the failure of the Municipality to drive the desperately needed upgrading of the Swartberg Pass and a 'baantjies vir boeties' approach in regard to job creation.

In spite of this the Committee of the Prince Albert Ratepayers & Residents

Association (PARRA) has worked hard at maintaining cordial relations with the councillors and senior members of the municipality.

Various offers of help have been made including the use of a comprehensive database and PARRA's own website to get messages or notices out to the community, the 'on call' services of a technical committee to advise on roads, water, electricity, etc and offers to meet regularly with key staff. None of which were made use of.

Our hope is that the new council will welcome a relationship with the Association, and that the olive branch we tender is taken up with enthusiasm. In the meantime the Association offers its congratulations to the newly elected council and looks forward to working with them in the future.



## Auction Raises funds for the Tourism Office

The Tourism Office held a fund raising auction during the Festival. Those who attended would agree that it was a fun event, which is to be expected when Mark Steyn is the auctioneer! Apart from people bringing their old things to sell and giving the Tourism Office 10% of the selling price, we received some wonderful donations from a handful of Tourism members, and I think they are worth mentioning, as some of them seem to be the same ones that reach deep into their pockets and give generously every time they are asked to do so!

Thank you to Bergwater Vineyards, African Relish, Gay's Dairy, Karoo View Cottages, SoetKaroo, Gill Hall and Nicola Fellows, Colin Bower, John and Ann Whitton, Derek Thomas, Mary Anne Botha and Liz Erasmus. These donations made up almost all the money raised, the total of which amounted to R5842.

One of the organisers, Imke Maeyer, pointed out that the Tourism Office needs funding urgently as the Municipality has reduced its financial contribution towards the Office this year. "It is a very worthy cause as tourism is pretty much the lifeblood of our town. We hope that next year we will have even more things to auction!" she said.

### MUNISIPALITEIT PRINS ALBERT

#### KENNISGEWING NR 18/2011: TENDER: JAG - TREINTJIESRIVIER

Die Prins Albert Munisipaliteit is verbind tot billike, doeltreffende en volhoubare dienste vir die totale gemeenskap.

Die Munisipaliteit van Prins Albert nooi voornemende Jagters uit om die Kudu EN Springbok Populasie op die plaas Treintjiesrivier uit te dun.

#### VEREISTES

- Jagters moet oor 'n geldige Jaglisensie beskik
- Slegs jag togte tydens die **DAG** sal toegelaat word **VANAF 07H00 TOT 19H00**.
- Jag sal alleenlik geskied onder toesig van 'n verantwoordelike persoon met die Munisipaliteit se toestemming.

#### TENDER BEDRAG

- Jagters moet tender vir prys per gewig (uitgesluit pens)
- Jagters moet afsonderlik tender vir Kudu karkas en Springbok karkas.

Skriftelike **TENDERS** met gesertifiseerde afdrukke van Jaglisensie en kontak besonderhede, moet die ondergetekende bereik nie later as **MAANDAG 6 JUNIE 2011 om 12h00 nie**.

**Die Raad verbind hom geensins om die hoogste of enige Tender te aanvaar nie.**

PL OLIPHANT (WNDE.MUNISIPALE BESTUURDER)

## Portretstudies - Het jy gesien, gehoor, gevoel?



Elizabeth Uys, een van die vyf sitters tydens Louis Botha se Portretwerkswinkel, het op Sondag 1 Mei haar 81ste verjaarsdag gevier

- Louis Botha -

**E**k bied baie graag van my fotograafiekursusse aan op Prince Albert. Onlangs het ek 'n portretwerkswinkel gehou waartydens fotografeer (wat van oor die hele land gekom het) die geleentheid gekry het om plaaslike mense te leer ken en te fotografeer. So is waardevolle voordele vir fotografeer en modelle ontsluit. Die vyf plaaslike 'sitters' vir die geleentheid, wat hulself aan besige stads-mense agter hul duur kameras en lense 'geleen' het, moet ek opreg bedank dat hulle die vreemdelinge gehelp het om iets te ervaar van Prince Albert se mense - hul waardigheid, trots, opregtheid, nederigheid, rustigheid, dankbaarheid en

liefdevolheid. Na elke portretsessie gaan daar blywende veranderinge in mense se harte saam huis toe, nie net portrette teen mure nie.

Om 'n portret van iemand met 'n kamera te maak, is nie sommer kliek-kliek en siedaar! nie. Nee, daar is veel meer op die spel. 'n Fotoportret van 'n persoon (die sitter) is normaalweg van die persoon se gesig. En dit vertel nie net iets van die sitter nie, maar ook van die fotograaf!

Dit is juis die "neem" van iemand se foto wat 'n potensiële probleem na vore bring: Die fotograaf "neem" of "vat" iets van iemand anders. Ons is almal geleer om ander se goed te respekteer, maar in foto-

grafie moet ons ook daarop let om mekkaar te respekteer vir wie en wat ons is.

Daar is soms 'n teenstrydigheid by die neem van 'n portret. Die fotograaf se behoefte is om 'n kunstige resultaat te lewer terwyl dit die sitter se behoefte is om waardig behandel te word en 'n foto te kry wat hom "goed" laat lyk. Portrette kan die waarheid ontbloot of dit juis verberg - en wat is nou reg?

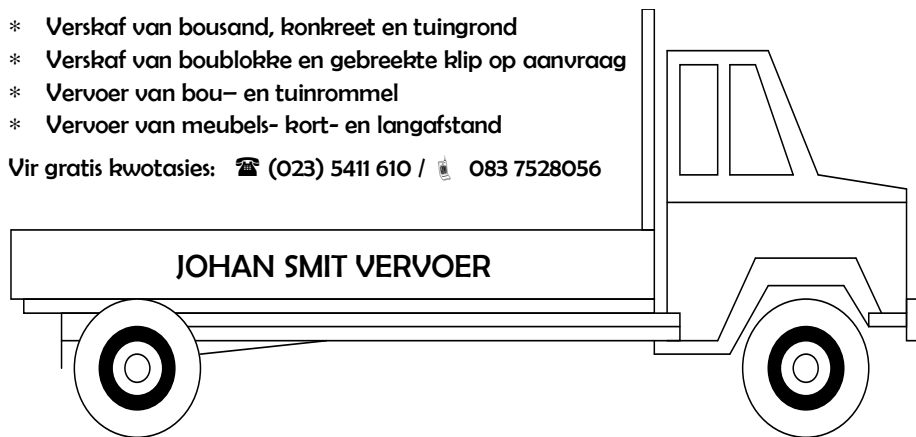
Die fotograaf word uitgedaag om iets van die sitter se verganklike karakter in 'n ewige foto vas te vang en hy slaag daarin as die kyker iets van die emosie ervaar wat tydens die neem van die foto in die sitter teenwoordig was, al was hy self nie daar nie en al ken hy die sitter nie. So 'n foto laat mens letterlik staar, weer en weer.

Mense toon gewoonlik moeilik emosie teenoor vreemdelinge. Om 'n titteltjie emosie van die sitter op papier (die foto) te kry, moet die fotograaf moeite doen om die sitter se vertroue te wen. Die fotograaf moet ook inligting oor die sitter inwin: sy gevoelens, sy belangstellings, behoeftes... Goeie foto's vertel stories met behulp van gereflekteerde lig, en elkeen van ons het 'n storie en elkeen se storie is vir hom belangrik en moet gerespekteer word. Party fotografeer jaag die wêreld vol om belangrike mense se stories vas te vang; ander fotografeer gebruik weer hul sensitiwiteit jeens mense en hul kennis van lig en komposisie om gewone

- \* Verskaf van bousand, konkreet en tuingrond
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mense, wie se stories ook belangrik is, interessant voor te stel.

Is dit nie waar en ironies nie dat ons soms, in ons gejaagde lewe, met 'n persoon van tagtig jaar (en ryk aan stories!) te doene kry, maar dan wil ons daardie persoon se lewensverhaal in 'n paar sinne ontvang, of ons wil die persoon se foto neem met die druk van 'n enkele knoppie teen 'n spoed van 'n honderdste van 'n sekonde. Dit is mos gewoon nie voldoende nie, of hoe?

Mense se stories lê deels op hul gesigte geskryf en die venster na mense se emosies is die oog. Dink ook daaraan hoe belangrik die aanwending van die mens se gesigspiere in kommunikasie is - en watter verskillende boodskappe daarmee uitgestuur word. Jy kan iemand middel-deur kyk, of 'n kyk van liefde of verlang uitstraal. Die trek van die gesig kan 'n afkeurende frons verteenwoordig of 'n vriendelike glimlag. Die vorm van die mond kan woede uitspel - of simpatie, of aanvaarding of begrip. Hande en liggaamshouding kan ook 'n boodskap in-

hou, maar gewoonlik is die gesig die belangrikste.

Die fotograaf se frustrasie lê in die wete dat 'n suksesvolle portret, al is dit hóé goed geneem, teen slegs 'n fraksie van 'n sekonde, slegs 'n enkele storie uit 'n bundel verhale vertel en dat daar meestal nie genoeg tyd of insig is om al die ander stories ook vas te vang nie. Dit is die fotograaf se sensitiviteit en sy emosionele konneksie met die sitter, en nie sy duur toerusting nie, wat bepaal of hy die storie wat saakmaak, vasvang en of net die oppervlakkige storie vertel word. Daarom is dit ook nie verbasend dat sommige portretstudies die kyker tref en ander geen impak het nie.

By die neem van jou volgende portret, vra jouself af: Het ek gesien? Het ek gehoor? Wat voel ek? En eers dán neem jy die foto.

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## Samantha Reinders Wins Prestigious Journalism Award

Photojournalist Samantha Reinders has won a Mondi Shanduka Newspaper 2010 Award with fellow freelance journalist, Mara Kardas-Nelson, for their series of articles on acid mine drainage published in the *Mail and Guardian* late last year. The series entitled "Acid Mine Drainage: Blood, Gold and Water" was the winner of the "Analysis, Commentary and Enterprise News" category. Samantha, the daughter of Megan and Pete Reinders, is a frequent visitor to Prince Albert and holds photography workshops here several times a year.

The panel of 15 judges, who had to go through a record number of 760 entries from 37 newspapers across the country, explained why Reinders' and Kardas-Nelson's entry won: "With their series ... on the subject of Acid Mine Drainage (AMD), Reinders and Kardas-Nelson give their readers a thorough insight into their subject matter. The pair set out to explore AMD in depth over a three-

month period totally focused on all relevant aspects of the subject. They waded through masses of scientific data, mining history, and legal red tape and interviewed numerous sources and paid many site visits. That is what puts this series apart from all other entries."

"Thanks to a generous grant through Open Society Foundation for South Africa's Media Fellowship Programme they had the resources and time to do an excellent job. Their coverage opens our eyes not just to the extent of the problem and its future impact on a city like Johannesburg, but also to the devastation already caused in communities bordering on these mining properties. The research portrays an ugly picture of the environmental and human impact caused by this disaster. The team covered all the important angles and gave us an understanding of the origin and extent of the problem, while at the same time succeeding in giving it a human face."



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## UP, UP AND AWAY

- Keith Goudie -

When the Tourism Office advertised helicopter rides over Prince Albert during the Olive Festival, including one to "Die Hel" and back, I was intrigued. You see, one of my jobs involved inspecting seal pupping from helicopters in False Bay. My late wife, Pat, who could barely see above the instrument panel of the light plane she flew as part of a competition, took along one of our sons, who became aware of the joys of gliding and flying light aircraft, which he still does.

I think Pat wanted to emulate her Dad, who at the age of 19 or so was a pupil pilot in the Royal Flying Corps. At least she didn't end up with the Sopwith Camel's nose in the ground!

Frederick Cilliers' helicopter, which is usually employed in game capturing, pro-



Frederick Cilliers' helicopter takes off during the Olive Festival

vided us with an exciting time. Suddenly we rose above the school's rugby posts and followed the Weltevrede road and eventually joined the river. We skirted the Gamkapoort Dam and then rode all the way up the lush Gamkaskloof seeing the cottages below with ploughed fields and then the winding, tortuous road, which makes the *kloof* accessible. Our average speed was 120km/h although we did go down to 90km/h while ascending

the mountain.

My companion was an adventurous soul who enjoyed the trip taking in all of the detail, watching the cars and bicycles below on the dirt road. It was also fun to let my goddaughter fly with her Mum for the trip too.

What a trip! You should really try it next year!

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Details of the proposal are available for inspection at the Municipal Offices, Prince Albert, during office hours. Written objection, if any, to the proposal together with reasons, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than **FRIDAY, 24 JUNE 2011**.

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## Jacob's dreams come true!

- Imke Maeyer -

*Reach for a Dream* is an organisation that makes dreams or wishes come true for children with life threatening illnesses. I have always been aware of this organisation, but had not realized to what lengths they go to make all these dreams a reality.

First of all, I never expected that Jacob would be asked to make a wish as there are thousands of children that are far more in need of a little pampering, children who are alone in hospital, whose parents are not able to be with them for various reasons, children who go through the trauma and pain of chemotherapy or other treatment alone and then stay in a home for ill children when they are not in hospital.

So, quite clearly, Jacob is extremely lucky, he has his mom with him all the time, sometimes his dad, sometimes his grandparents, and sometimes his brother



Jacob Maeyer plants his Marula tree helped by Sue and Richard Dean and his sister, Emma  
(Photo: I Maeyer)

or sister. But *Reach for a Dream* is for everyone and Jacob's big wish was balloons...and a tree.

What came out of that dream was firstly a weekend where Lynne of the organisation came to Prince Albert and we had a

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### VRIENDE VAN DIE FRANSIE PIENAAR MUSEUM ALGEMENE JAARVERGADERING

22 Junie 2011 om 19h00 by die Fransie Pienaar Museum

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(Jacob's dreams... Continued from p 27)

tree planting ceremony with Sue and Richard Dean. Sue and Richard sponsored the tree, which Jacob and Sue decided should be a Marula tree. They also gave him a wonderful array of shrubs to plant with his Marula to make an 'instant garden'.

The following weekend held much excitement, as the grand plan had come together, a flight in a hot air balloon! Not only was our family treated to this wonderful adventure, but also to a night's stay at the Protea Hotel in Oudtshoorn. The take off was at the crack of dawn, so we needed to be ready bright and early. The hotel staff had decorated our room with balloons and Jacob felt very honoured!

The feeling of taking off in a hot air balloon is truly awesome! We all felt a sense of absolute freedom and the thought that the sky was so within reach in such a peaceful, quiet way left us all feeling light and positive and incredibly hopeful!

I would like to thank Sue and Richard not only for donating the plants to Jacob, but also for giving up their Saturday afternoon for him. Thank you too to African Relish for donating accommodation to *Reach for a Dream*. Charl and his crew from Oudtshoorn Ballooning went to great pains to make the trip as special as it was, with even a glass of champagne at 09h00 in the morning to round off a perfectly enriching experience.

This has shown us once again, how so many people in so many quiet ways, help others in times of need. This brings me to the next point. Cancer patients need blood transfusions quite regularly and every time Jacob has needed blood it has been available to him. Before this it had never really crossed my mind that we may one day be in a situation where a child of ours would depend on transfusions. I would like to encourage everyone to think about donating blood; one never knows when one may need it!

## Quilt Raffle Winner!



Ailsa Tudhope (r) was the delighted winner of the beautiful patchwork quilt made by and donated to the Thursday Group by Habiba Gundersen (l). The quilt raffle raised R1350, which the Thursday Group will put to good use.

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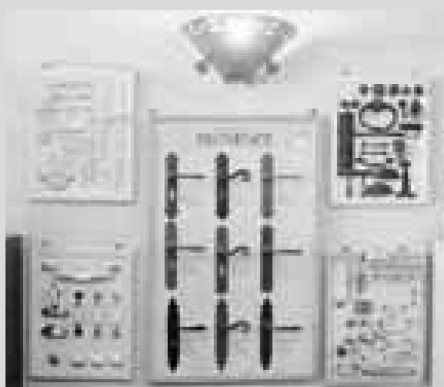
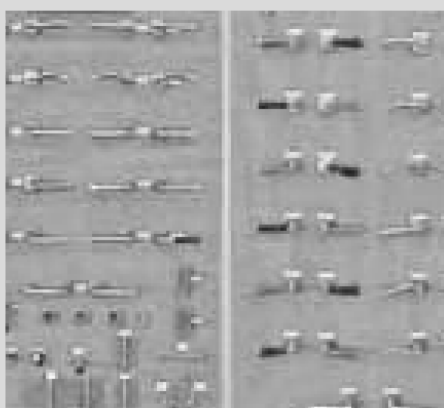
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## Mansstemme stel die regte stemming vir Paasfees

- Lettie Breytenbach -

Die optrede van die George Manne-koor op 19 April vanjaar was vir almal wat die uitvoering bygewoon het nie net 'n genotvolle aand van musiek nie, dit was 'n belewenis van 'n passiespel sonder weerga.

Selfs die bywoning van verskeie Passiespele in Oberammergau was nie so intens beleef soos die opregte sang van manne met 'n passie in hulle vir die gawe van stem en asem nie; 'n passie vir die lyding van Jesus en die lydensweg wat Hy geloop het vir die redding van die mensdom as seun van die mens. Persoonlik het dit gevoel of 'n mens by die voete van die kruis staan, sy sweet wil afvee, 'n bietjie water aangee, wil keer as die soldate asyn en mirre aangee en wil huil saam met die vroue tydens die sing van *Agnus Dei*.

O.l.v. hulle bekwame afrigter Deline

Brits, bygestaan deur 'n verteller, het die lewe van die Messias ontvou vanaf geboorte, kruisiging tot opstanding en Hemelvaart deur woord en lied.

Veral stemmingsvol was die tipiese Gregoriaanse aanslag wat gebruik was en die stemme besonder goed gepas het. Wat beïndruk het, is die keuse van liederes wat gewissel het vanaf Middeleeuse melodieë, moderne (klassieke), spirituals en postmoderne komposisies, asook die transponering daarvan om by die stemkapasiteit van die koorlede aan te pas.

Die goeie akoestiek van die NG Kerk het verder die koor aangevul, veral die dralende eindnote van die basstemme.

Dit was jammer dat nie meer mense die besondere uitvoering bygewoon het nie. Ongelukkig was 'n Dinsdagaand al beskikbare aand vir die koor, aangesien hulle feitlik elke naweek volbespreek is vir die hele jaar.

Hoewel daar twyfel was of die R3000 wat die koor vir 'n optrede verlang, ingesamel sal word, was die nodige fondse deur vrywillige skenkings verkry... weereens 'n bewys dat opregte geloofsvertroue nooit beskaamd sal staan nie.

Deline Brits het te kenne gegee dat hulle die besoek aan Prince Albert geniet het (al was dit so kort) en het die gehoor baie waardeerend gevind. Hulle sal baie graag weer ons dorp wil besoek met 'n lighartige en meer opgeruimde program - moontlik met 'n Olyffees. (Organiseerders neem kennis; bespreek sommer nou al, hulle is baie besig).

As in aanmerking geneem word dat die meerderheid van die koorlede geen formele stemopleiding ontvang het nie, maar sing uit pure genot, is die suksesvolle uitvoering van so 'n program 'n kragtige getuigenis van wat bereik kan

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## Hulle sing dat die kerk se dak lig!

- Denise Ohlson en Erica Phaal -

Die gesamentlike kerkkoor van vyf gemeentes van die Nuwe Apostoliese Kerk in Kaapstad besoek gereeld hul toegewese landelike wyke – Prince Albert, Leeu-Gamka, Klaar-stroom, Sutherland en Laingsburg. Op Saterdag, 21 Mei, was dit weer Prince Albert se beurt. Vroegoggend het lede van die koor by die Saterdagmark opgetree en die middag om 14h00 het al 34 lede in die plaaslike kerk gesing. Die toehoorders – waaronder opvallend baie jong kinders was wat met volgehoue aandag geluister het – het met oorgawe applous gegee.

Erica Phaal, plaaslike musiek liefhebber, het in vervoering geluister: What an inspiring welcome the opening hymn was – summing up the purpose of this whole group coming to Prince Albert all the way from Cape Town: *To God be the Glory, Great things He hath done! So loved He the world that he gave His own son.* Oh, and then the truly amazing chorus!

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus His Son,*

*And give Him the Glory – Great things He hath done!*

It was touching to see a crowd of people – young, middle-aged, elderly – wholeheartedly singing in perfect harmony and unison with such jubilation! Another favourite hymn was *Yield not to temptation... ask the Saviour to help you ... He'll carry you through...* So apt! Our youth face countless temptations daily. There are so many alluring attractions to distract us from what can truly satisfy and give us the power to fight and resist temptation – loving and serving God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. It was thrilling to see so many young people with an appetite for the things of God using their God given talents to sing praises to Him. It really plucked at my heartstrings when they sang: *It's time to say goodbye...*

We were thanked for “sacrificing” our time to be there, but it was such a pleasure and privilege. Hopefully next time more Prince Alberters will “sacrifice” an hour of their day to come and listen to something so super-special.

Afgesien van die koor met sy besonder begaafde soliste, het ook die soliste op die trompet, silwerfluit, altoblokfluit, klavier en orrel beïndruk. Twee aspirant-dirigente het hulle ook uitnemend van hul taak gekwyt.

Daar word tans 'n DVD saamgestel van al die opvoerings wat die koor, onder leiding van Paul Williams, al in Prince Albert gemaak het.

Die eerste naweek van Julie is dit Sutherland se beurt. Dan neem skakelbeampte Andrew Daniels 'n kinderkoor van 100 stemme na dié sterredorp. Hy nooi almal wat belangstel, om hierdie uitsonderlike opvoering te kom meemaak. Sy kontakbesonderhede: 082 935 2251 of per epos na [adjdaniels@telkomsa.net](mailto:adjdaniels@telkomsa.net)

## Dertien volwasse Nuwe Apostoliese Christene



Op Sondag, 22 Mei 2011, het dertien konfirmante van die Nuwe Apostoliese Kerk in Prince Albert hul konfirmasie-ees afgelê voor die gemeente. Op die foto verskyn hulle saam met Gemeenteleier Pieter Kamfer (agter links) en Distrikleier Allen Julies van Kaapstad (agter regs).

Voor (vlnr): Adriano Maasdorp, Fransville Baardman, Shane Jacobs, Benita Migiel, Ethan Jacobs, Junaid Griebelaar en Michael Andreis.

Agter (vlnr): Cheraldine Heyns, Theresa Stalmeester, Eloïse Delport, Susanna Olivier, Suleima Gurah en Adriana Blaau.

(Mansstemme... Vervolg vanaf p 30)

word met toewyding en “swaarkry met lekkerkry klaarkry.”

Ons wens die George Mannekoor sukses toe op hulle oorsese toer en hoop hulle kom met baie pryse terug...ons weet julle kan dit doen.

Wat die gedagte laat ontstaan: ‘Waarom kan in Prince Albert nie ook so ‘n koor tot stand gebring word nie?’ Die talent moet tog ook hier aanwesig wees. So ‘n dorpskoor sal ‘n wonderlike brugbouer wees. Wie wil leiding neem?

Baie dankie aan Zelia Mullins en die toerismekantoor vir hulp met reklame, dit was goud werd. Dankie ook aan die NG Kerkraad vir die beskikbaarstelling van die kerkgebou en toewysing van fondse, die koster asook die Vrouediens vir die voorsiening van ‘n ligte aandete vir die honger manne. Baie dankie ook aan almal wat ‘ietsie’ in die kollektebus gegooi het; dit sal nie leeg na julle toe terugkeer nie.

## Huis Kweekvallei verbeter inwoners se omstandighede

- Johan du Toit -

Huis Kweekvallei het fondse vanaf die *National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund* (NLDTF) ontvang om vooraf goedgekeurde kapitale projekte aan te pak.

Die Beheerraad van Huis Kweekvallei het beding om pryse en het sodoende geld gespaar wat ons in staat gestel het om afstandbeheerde hekke, palissade-omheininge en rookmonitors in die tehuis te installeer. Ons kon ook kameras in die gange en in die siekeboeg bekostig, maar die fondse was ongelukkig nie voldoende vir kameras in die A-gang se kamers nie; hiervoor gaan ons in die toekoms fondse aanvra.

Die Beheerraad van Huis Kweekvallei nooi die publiek vriendelik om ons te

besoek by Huis Kweekvallei en om eerstehands die noemenswaardige verbetering aan die lewensomstandighede van die inwoners te besigtig.

Lopende uitgawes soos voedsel, elektrisiteit en water moet natuurlik steeds uit self geïnde fondse betaal word. Hiervoor het ons onder andere BASAAR op 27 Mei gehou, waarvoor ons volgende maand verslag sal doen.

Kom en ondersteun ons asseblief. Sien julle by Huis Kweekvallei!



## Fortuin Sues Councillors

Former Municipal Manager, Juanita Fortuin, is suing the Prince Albert Municipality for breach of contract following her suspension in January 2011. Fortuin is claiming R1 326 321.20 in damages as well as her legal costs from the Municipality. At the same time, Fortuin is suing the Executive Mayor, Cllr April Pienaar and the outgoing Speaker, Cllr Stoffel Botes, in their personal capacities for defamation.

Fortuin's legal actions against the councillors arise from alleged malicious comments Botes made about Fortuin to councillors of the Kannaland Municipality between January and April and from Pienaar's statements printed in *Die Son* on 11 January 2011. Fortuin has asked for R250 000 in damages and the costs of litigation from each councillor.

The combined High Court summons was served on the Municipality and the councillors early in May. All three have appointed Raubenheimers Attorneys of George to defend them.

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## ‘n Nuwe, interessante gesig by Lah-di-Dah



Eienaar Yvette Breedt en assistent-bestuurder Karen Miller (Foto: D Ohlson)

- Denise Ohlson -

By Lah-di-Dah is daar ‘n nuwe gesig. Karen Miller het die pos as assistent-bestuurder begin Mei aanvaar en hierdie voormalige kunsstudent, tekstielontwerper, kelnerin en mede-restauranteur, voel haar sommer al klaar tuis tussen die goeters, gieters en borde kos. In die bedryf het sy vyf jaar lank haar sakke sout saam met metgesel Christo Cloete opgeëet toe hulle die Post House Restaurant in Onrusrivier besit het.

Karen se oupagrootjie, James Miller, het in Desember 1901 uit Ierland in Kaapstad aangekom. Hy en sy vrou was beide luitenant-kolonel in diens van die Heilsleer. Hulle het by die Woodstock Korps begin werk, en deur die jare by verskeie ander – onder andere Port Elizabeth. Haar wanderlust het sy waarskynlik aan hom te danke, want sy het ook al taamlik geswerf. Maar hier in Prince Albert voel sy dat sy nou in haar 44ste jaar haar wortels kan laat groei.

Haar belangstellings is wyd: Sy is ‘n kranige fotograaf, sy het al ‘n eerste plek behaal in ‘n tekstielontwerpkompetisie, sy skilder graag en hou daarvan om groente te kweek. En dan is sy mal oor kleur! Dit is haar passie.

Haar pad het in Oudshoorn gekruis met dié van bekende kleurterapeut Charmaine Harris. Onder haar leiding het Karen ‘n kursus voltooi wat sy nou graag met die mense van Prince Albert sal wil deel. “Fisieke kwale”, vertel sy, “het eintlik ‘n verstandelik emosionele rede. Kleurterapie werk met energievlakke en kom neer

op spirituele berading. Uit die kleure wat ‘n mens kies, kan stress en probleme geïdentifiseer word, maar dit is nie ‘n indringerige metodiek nie. Mense moet gereed wees om hulself oop te stel en om te praat. Dit is ‘n subtiele terapie, en maak glad nie inbreuk op mense se privaatheid nie. Dit is ‘n ligte werktuig wat op alle vlakke genees en jou help om jouself te herontdek.”

Vir wie is dit bedoel? Vir oud en jonk, vir almal met fisieke kwale, vir mense wat rigting soek in hul lewens, vir mense wat sukkel met depressie, hartsake, besluitneming... dit help jou om die verlede te suiwer en plek te maak vir ‘n beter toekoms.

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Alternatiewe gesondheidstudies is ‘n vanselfsprekende uitvloeisel uit Karen se oortuiging dat ‘n mens gesond en natuurlik moet eet en leef. Afgesien van haar tesis wat sy wil doen in kleurterapie, is sy ook vaardig met reiki-behandelings en drukpuntherapie. Ontspanning is die groot toewerwoord.

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## Prince Albert VLV leer meer oor Olyfolie



VLV-lede wat toekennings vir hul jare diens gekry het: (l na r) Frances Olivier, Hester de Wit, Ione Auerswald, Aletta de Wit, Hester van Vuuren en Babsie Muller

- Ronél McKnight -

Lede van Prince Albert se VLV het Woensdag, 13 April, 'n baie interessante besoek gebring aan een van ons plaaslike vervaardigers van olyfolie. Essie Esterhuizen het verduidelik hoe die proses verloop vandat die olywe gepluk word totdat die olie in die bottel beland.

Baie interessante vrae oor die kleur, geur en bewaring van olyfolie is beantwoord. Die beste nuus is dat Suid-Afrikaanse olyfolie, op een of twee na, deurgaans van baie goeie gehalte is en dus met 'n geruste hart gekoop kan word.

Lede wat al langer as 10 jaar lid van die VLV is, is ook met kentekens vereer vir

hulle diens. Die volgende lede het kentekens ontvang:

**Merle Cleaver:**

10 jaar, maar is reeds 16 jaar lid

**Gudrun Toelstede:**

10 jaar, is reeds 14 jaar lid

**Ilse Koorts:**

10 jaar, is reeds 11 jaar lid

**Hestie Fourie:**

10 jaar, is reeds 11 jaar lid

**Aletta de Wit:**

20 jaar, is 20 jaar lid

**Frances Olivier:**

20 jaar, is 20 jaar lid

**Ione Auerswald:**

30 jaar, is reeds 33 jaar lid

**Hester de Wit:**

30 jaar, is reeds 32 jaar lid

**Hester van Vuuren:**

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## Garden Club News



The Garden Club's Dawn Viljoen and Sue Goosen with Lena Ontong (c) whose garden was on the Olive Festival's Open Gardens tour

- Garden Club Committee -

On 3 May Garden Club members visited some of the gardens featured in the Open Gardens and Home tour during the recent Olive Festival.

Barbara Gorniak welcomed us to her postage stamp back garden in Nuwe St, a water wise and sensibly used space which reflects Barbara's enjoyment and knowledge of gardening, her delight in her surroundings and use of her favourite colours. We moved on to marvel at artist George Coutouvidis's quirky and highly original *bliktuin*. George is busy creating his garden from rusty scrap metal and discarded household items he picks up during his long walks in the veld. The garden has become a much-photographed landmark in Prince Albert.

Jackie and Ian Canning greeted us next at the gate of their home, Brigadoon. Every nook and cranny of their delightful garden is artistically landscaped and includes indigenous and exotic plants. The Cannings clearly believe in the art of the possible, using the different 'rooms' in their garden both practically and with a sense of humour. The garden flows from their home and includes a pond lit by artificial dragonflies and a small, prolific vegetable patch.

Rosemary McEwan has a gracious and lovingly tended garden. No space is wasted and is thoughtfully used and has flowering plants, ground covers, succulents and pot plants. Trees provide fruit and shade and are a haven for birds. After

refreshments with Rosemary and her husband, Peter, Beryl Rimes won a ground-cover plant *monopsis lutea* in the lucky draw.

With the sun setting, we dropped in on Lena Ontong, Dina Maas and Maggie Japhtha to thank them for participating in the Open Gardens tour and to admire their hard work and well tended gardens. All three were winners in the Garden Club's 2010 pavement garden competition. They were delighted to have had more Olive Festival visitors to their gardens than last year.

The Garden Club presented all 14 participants who opened their gardens to visitors and residents during the Olive Festival, including Elsofie and Hennie Pretorius whose 'art house' was once again very popular, with a plant or thank you gift.

### Plant Sale and AGM – June 2011

Circle Wednesday, 1 June on your calendar – we are holding a plant sale at 15h00 after our Annual General Meeting at the home of Shireen Reid, 1 Crosby St. Please bring along a plant or seedlings to sell. Prices will be low and funds will go towards the Garden Club. You will need to have a folding chair and mug.

Please come along, whether you are a member, a potential member, undecided or just curious about what the Club does. You do not have to be a gardener to join us. There will be no charge for this meeting, but annual subscriptions are now due, maintained at an affordable R30.00 for the year.

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## Dankfeesbasaar in die hart van die Karoo

- Lenor Snyman -

As daar gewerk moet word kan die “Koup” behoorlik moue op rol. Heelparty weke voor die naweek van 29 April was elke lidmaat van die altesaam 164 lidmate van Merweville aan die woel met inlê, droëwors maak, stik, verpak, vleis werk, pasteie en beskuit bak, voedsel voorberei, lammers bemark, bees slag, biltong maak, wors stop, produkte aanry en pannekoekdeeg voorberei. In die weke voor die belangrike naweek trek mense by die kerksaal saam waar daar hoofsaaklik vleis gewerk en verpak word.

Niemand se hande staan vir enige iets verkeerd nie en die opgewondenheid vir die hef aan bou op. Konserte word gereël, tente word opgeslaan rondom die kerksaal, blomme word gerangskik, tuisgemaakte lekkergoed en soetigheid word aangery en aangedra na die tafels. Saterdagoggend kreun die tafels onder almal se bydraes. Koek en naaldwerk pronk



Merweville se bekende N G Kerk (Foto: L Snyman)

aanloklik op die tafels. Sodra die dominee amen sê, begin die groot verkoop en almal stap met mandjies vol vreugde in die saal rond. 'n Veiling word entoesiasies gehou nadat die tafels leeg verkoop is en trotse eienaars van 'n springbok en of slagding is hoog in hul sik.

Hierdie jaar is die verstommende bedrag

van meer as R400 000 ingesamel vir die groot saamstaan geleentheid. Merweville het gekook! Letterlik en figuurlik. Die gastehuse is vol feesgangers; hulle kom van heinde en vêr en dra gul by en vier saam met die inwoners fees.

Hierdie is 'n prima Karoo lekkerkry wat deur niemand gemis moet word nie. Die hart van die Karoo nooi u uit om die almanak volgende jaar dop te hou en dit saam te kom beleef. Dit is 'n fees!

### Laerskool Merweville vier eeufees

Laerskool Merweville vier ook gedurende 2011 hul EEUFES! Ja, die laerskooltjie word 100 jaar oud en die groot fees vind gedurende die naweek van 30 September tot 2 Oktober plaas. Oud onderwysers, skoolhoofde en leerlinge word versoek om met die feesorganiseerders kontak te maak vir volle besonderhede. Kontak nommers 023 5014003 of 0728688867. Besoek ons op Facebook: Eeufes Laerskool Merweville en laat u adres daar vir 'n FEESPROGRAM. Ons hoor graag van u.

## SLAM JAM MUSIC FACTORY



(L.n.r voor) D. Hendriks (groepleier en Baskitaarspeler); Yurica Opperman en Chandre Schoeman (Voorsangeresse); Frans “Page” Piedt (Klawerbord); (agter) Jeandre “Boy” Piedt (Tromme); Brandon Kock (Sanger).

Lede nie beskikbaar: Charles Botes (Voorkitaarspeler) en Fhaheem van Schalkwyk en Franco Cupido ( R & B Sangers)

Die Slam Jam Music Factory is 'n musiekgroep van Prince Albert in die Karoo.

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Die mense van Oudtshoorn was gaande oor Slam Jam en het “stry opgesit” dat die groep nie van Prince Albert is nie, maar wel van die Kaap. ..

Slam Jam het op 15 April ook ter plaatse 'n talentaand gehou - en wás dit nou 'n reuse sukses.

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## Biblioteekweek 2011



Die kinders van Wildekanisland dra hulle Biblioteekweek-hoedjies

- Reinie Smit -

Die week van 9 – 13 Mei was vol bedrywighede by die Prince Albert Biblioteek. Die hele week is ons lesers bederf met boeksakke, boekmerke en lekkers (hoofsaaklik vir die jong lesers!) Dinsdag, 10 Mei, het ons 'n Tee gegee

vir ons lesers bo 60. Tydens dié geleentheid is ons meer as 100 gaste trakteer op verversings en 'n program van sang, woord en dans. Woensdag het ons die Bejaardesorgsentrum in Noord-End besoek met dieselfde program. Donderdag was ons by die kleuterskole met "Die Lappop" en "Dapper Muis," en het som-

mer terselfdertyd 'n Idol gekroon by elke skool!

Ons kinders se kunswerke het die biblioteek opgevul en die talent was duidelik sigbaar. Baie geluk aan al ons prysweners.

'n GROOT dankie aan almal wat so hard gewerk het om 'n sukses van die week te maak. Jul is die heel beste Biblioteek Vriende waarvoor enige iemand kan vra.

Die volgende persone en instansies het gehelp om die Biblioteekweek moontlik te maak. Baie dankie aan elkeen van julle:

Jeanetta de Lange; Mavis Aggett; Hestie Fourie; Shireen Reid; Ronél McKnight; Rina Gouws; Magda Mostert; Chen Freysen; Ailsa Tudhope; Hester van Vuuren; Lena van Eck; Ione Auerswald; Raadslid Stoffel Botes; Albert College; Ellen Joubert; die onderskeie skole; NG Kerk (vir Kerkzaal); Jan en Magriet Engelbrecht, Alfred Voetpad. Sabella Brits (Sasko) en Raadslid April Pienaar.

## Kleuterskool uitstappie na Lah-di-Dah



Sewentien vrolike kinders van Wildekanisland Kleuterskool op die trekker voor Lah-di-Dah Padstal waar hulle onlangs bederf is met geroosterde toebroodjies, kolwyntjies en melkskommels.

Al was dit juffrou Berlinda Nel se verjaarsdag, was dit terselfdertyd 'n leersame uitstappie. Die kinders het geleer hoe om hulle in 'n winkel te gedra waar daar so baie pragtige goed is om na te kyk, hoe om van 'n spyskaart af te bestel en met die kelners te praat - en veral om die dankiegedjie nie te vergeet nie.

(Foto: K Miller)

## Junior Elections Verkiezing vir die Jongspan



- Christine Thomas -

Not many people realised that while they were casting their votes on 18 May, a group of children were conducting their own election. This was part of their Wednesday afternoon art class. After brief discussion of issues that were important to all children, they formed groups with their closest friends and chose their party name, colours and emblem.

Then came the all important task of making a poster to advertise their party. Each child made a poster. Before voting commenced

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## Not your ordinary school day



Albert College pupils (l to r) Nici, Katy, Jana, Klara, Jake, Bobbi, Caleb and Aisha celebrated the Royal Wedding (Photo: T Swanepoel)

- Ailsa Tudhope -

The Royal Wedding was appropriately celebrated at Albert College. The previous week all the pupils and teachers had drawn a name from a hat and had created invitations for each other to view the wedding at school on a big screen. Everyone arrived appropriately attired on the big day, the youngest wearing party frocks and homemade crowns and the older pu-

pils dressed to the nines, one young man had even borrowed his dad's suit. Ailsa arrived draped in a Union Jack and Sheila had created her own floral headpiece, which put to shame many of the hats guests wore to the Abbey.

We all assembled in the kitchen at the Swanepoel's home, the biggest room. Matthew lived up to his reputation as our electronics fundi and had the TV broadcast

running through a projector onto a big screen. There were ribald comments about some of the hats and fascinators but only "ooh's" and "aah's" were to be heard as the bride revealed her glorious dress. We all enjoyed Prince Harry's aside to his brother and then a small voice was heard to ask, "When are they going to kiss?" It was quite a long wait for that! So, Albert College celebrated a historical event, something to be looked back upon in our dotage, and yes, there was a link with Prince Albert ...

The official Royal Wedding website reveals that the bouquet carried by HRH the Duchess of Cambridge contained myrtle from the plant grown from a sprig from the posy given to Queen Victoria by Prince Albert's grandmother when she visited Gotha in Germany in 1845. This was the same year in which our village was named after her Prince Consort. It has been traditional for Royal brides to include myrtle from this plant at Osborne House on the Isle of Wight in their bouquets ever since Queen Victoria's eldest daughter, Princess Victoria, did so in 1858. Catherine's bouquet lay on the tomb of the unknown warrior in Westminster Abbey for a week after the wedding, a tradition started by Her Majesty the Queen Mother.

## Hoe werk Een Stap Dekking?

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## Sportdag by Hoërskool Zwartberg

- Dalene Coetzee -

Op Saterdag, 16 April het die volgende agt skole teen mekaar rugby en netbal gespeel: Hoërskool Zwartberg, Prince Albert Primêr, Uniondale, Heidelberg, Barrydale, Merweville, Laingsburg en Hoërskool Punt op Mosselbaai.

Die dag wat aanvanklik met 'n byt in die lug begin het, was die perfekte weer vir so 'n sportdag.

Ons leerders het hul harte uitgespeel en 'n hele paar wedstryde gewen, die wenners van die dag is egter bepaal deur die spanne wat die meeste drieë en doele aangeteken het.

Dit was 'n suksesvolle dag wat deur een en almal geniet is en die ander skole was vol lof vir 'n goed georganiseerde en genotvolle dag. Baie dankie aan elke



Drie spelers van die O/9 rugbyspan ontvang hul beker van mev McKnight (Foto: D Coetzee)

leerkrag wat 'n bydrae gemaak het om die dag so glad te laat verloop vir hul reëlings en organisasie.

Sonder ons bereidwillige ouers sou daar nie so flink eet- en drinkgoed voorsien kon word nie. Julle ouers is staatmakers en elkeen se bydrae word opreg waardeer.

Baie geluk aan die volgende spanne wat die bekere gewen het:

### NETBAL:

O/9 : Hoërskool Uniondale  
O/11 : Hoërskool Uniondale  
O/13 : Prince Albert Primêr  
O/15 : Prince Albert Primêr  
O/17 : Hoërskool Heidelberg  
O/19 : Hoërskool Heidelberg

### RUGBY:

O/9 : Hoërskool Zwartberg 6 drieë  
O/11 : Hoërskool Zwartberg 14 drieë  
O/13 : Hoërskool Zwartberg 10 drieë  
O/15 : Hoërskool Heidelberg 4 drieë  
O/19 : Hoërskool Barrydale 11 drieë

## Gesellige Mamma- en- Pappadag by Hoërskool Zwartberg

- Denise Ohlson -

Diana Koorts en Bianca Luttig het dit weer gedoen! En vir hierdie (derde) Moedersdagviering het hulle nie net die mamas genooi nie, maar ook die pappas. En waar die ouers van hierdie twee onderwyseresse se 44 graad 2 en 3 leerders nie kon kom nie, was die oumas en oupas ewe welkom om saam te kuier in die skoolsaal van Hoërskool Zwartberg.

Elke kind het 'n beurt gekry om 'n spesiale versie op te lê – Diana vertel sy maak 'n hele jaar lank oulike gesegdes bymekaar!

Hierdie jaar was daar ook 'n "opgevoeting": Met blink krone op die kop het Nicola Koegelenberg en Brenley Jacobs die hoofrolle vertolk in die vertelling van die skepping van 'n Pappa en toe 'n kind in die Hemel gereed was om gebore te word, het hy 'n spesiale engel gehad – en haar naam was Mamma. Daar was innige oomblikke wat van die

mamas met betraande oë gelaat het – en daar was grappige momente wat almal laat glimlag het.

Die teetafels was stylvol en besonder interessant gedek met aalwyntakke en die allermooiste koekies versier met egte rosies, die handewerk van staatmaker Madri Rossouw. Elke kind kon ook 'n geskenkie aan sy of haar mamma uitdeel.

Diana en Bianca was verheug dat die kinders se ouers die verrigtinge so goed ondersteun het. Dit beteken vir hulle én die kinders baie. Dat die pappas ook so entoesiasies opgedaag het, was 'n yslike bonus, want die pa's is spesiaal saamgenooi omdat Vadersdag altyd òf in die vakansie òf in die eksamen val.

Dit was 'n baie suksesvolle oggend wat afgesluit is met die speel van Juanita du Plessis se sprekende "Alles wat 'n kind wil hê".

(Junior Elections... Continued from p 37)

the spokesperson for each group explained what their party stood for.

Die SM PARTY glo dat kinders teen misdaad gewaarsku moet word. Die VRUGTE EN GROENTE PARTY glo dat gesonde kos belangrik is, maar die lede van dié party was nog baie jonk en was 'n bietjie deurmekaar oor die hele storie. Die grootste getal kinders het by die GESONDHEIDSPARTY aangesluit. Hulle het 'n rooi appel vir hul embleem gekies.

Voting slips were drawn up with the emblem for each party clearly visible. Naturally the voting was secret with the group lining up outside the art room to vote and an impartial electoral officer directing the voting inside the art room. Lorna Verran kindly undertook the task of counting the votes. A dead heat was declared between the SM PARTY and the GESONDHEIDSPARTY. Everyone agreed that a coalition would benefit the children of Prince Albert as measures to combat crime and good food and health practices would benefit all children.

Apples were handed out and the children set off home munching their apples and hopefully feeling good about the future when they would one day take over the governing of their community.



## Zwartberg Runners - Another Successful Race Day



Dominique Kruger of Beaufort West gives a 'thumbs up' at end of her 10km run (Photo: L. Jaquet)

- Zwartberg Runners Committee -

During the Olive Festival we hosted our fourth Zwartberg Runners 21.1km (half-marathon) and 10km races. There were a higher number of entrants from all parts of the country in both events and we were taken unawares when, on the evening before the big day, three times as many 10km runners had registered than had been expected.

Principal Fana from the Rainbow Athletic Club was the winner of the half-marathon crossing the Finish line in front of the Seven Arches in 01:18:34. Helia Smith of Klerksdorp Marathon Club was the first woman home, coming in with a time of 01:51:46 and finishing in 12th place overall. Johanna Mokoao was the first of our Zwartberg Runners competitors, finishing in 19th place. She was followed by the club's Burnett May and Tracy Swanepoel.

Elfonzo Pieterse from the Coastline Club won the 10km race in 32:36, while Junior runner Dominique Kruger of the Beaufort-Wes Drawwers, was the first woman in the 10km race, finishing in 11th place overall in 44:38. Our own Alexander Swanepoel ran an exciting 42:22 finishing in 8th spot overall and was the third Junior home. He was followed closely by Zwartberg Runners Caleb Swanepoel and Christopher Mullins in 9th and 10th places respectively. The club's Keneuoe Louisa Mokoao, was the third woman across the line.

Well done too to our other Zwartberg Runners competitors: Ellen and Anton Joubert, Imke, Rudi and Emma Maeyer and Adri Schoeman. All the results and photographs are on our web site: [www.zwartberg.com/runners](http://www.zwartberg.com/runners)

More runners return each year because of the spectacular setting of the race. This year's route started 8km out of town on the road to Klaarstroom, up the Pass to Droë Waterval then down again and through the Bushman Valley detour and into Prince Albert, running towards the carnival atmosphere at the Finish. We are convinced that some of the competitors came mainly to take in the surroundings. One woman walked the entire route at a leisurely pace, taking 3¼ hours, most of it with the patient police sweeper escort behind her, complete with flashing lights!

The race would not have been the success it was without the generous support of so many residents of Prince Albert, who gave of their time, energy and funds. Thank you to our main sponsors, Colin Campbell of the National Garage, Stefan Schoeman of Bergwater Vineyards and Caryn and Juan Pastrana of the Lazy Lizard. Special thanks too to Hannes van der Westhuizen and the Prince Albert Police who ensured that runners and drivers did not come to harm.

Ian Uys of Bushman Valley kindly allowed us to access detours across his property while his staff managed a water table, setting it up complete with a tablecloth, printed with animal motifs! Thanks to Rai and Lorna Verran, Megan Reinders, Dorrien Tissiman and Colin Bower, Ted Barnato and his young crew, Mavis Aggett, Maureen Barnato and Gill Hall for braving the cold and managing the water tables with cheerful professionalism. We are also grateful to Jaco Benjamin and his twelve marshals from Hoërskool Zwartberg for guiding the runners and keeping up their spirits.

Lastly, thank you to Hennie Grové who shuttled all the competitors on the back of his huge truck to the starting points. The runners loved the experience despite the cold! Thank you too to all in the community who rallied to provide extra transport up the Pass.

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